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Part B for November 1931

SUBJECT.

Papers relating to certain irregularities committed by certain Officials in the Nawab Hill accounts.

G 1219-21 Dep 264-31
To Head of Dept. Concerned
Thro F.D. Concerned.
Passes orders as to above.
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D. 7427	1

Letter no. confdl. S dt 27th February 1930 from the Dir. of Hortl. reporting about certain irregularities on the Nandi Hill Station.

Submitted for perusal and orders. Nearly Rs. 3000/- have to be accounted for by the Supervisor. As security for this amount, the Dir. has withheld his pay for 6 months @ Rs. 550/- p.m. The Dir. may perhaps be asked to credit the amount to the Treasury forthwith and to terminate the services of the Supervisor. For orders.

H. S. 3. 30.

2. The money, apparently, is due & has to be paid to Messrs Spencer & Co. (vide copy of Supdt's letter to the P.P.). The matter has only been reported for information & action seems to be necessary now. Further enquiries, if any, may be awaited from the Dir.

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3. I am not sure that the Dir. of Hortl's action in respect of the Supervisor is accurate. As in the case of Steward Doraisamy, more serious steps seem required, & if any can be taken (Hill Stn. Sld. Govt. Orders (Hill Stns.)

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2nd Asst. to the Hl. Secy.

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4. I agree with the Govt. of

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System of handing cash transactions seems the chief defection - I fear that all the moneys received from the Visitors Centre for entirely unspecified as such for accommodation to are not regularly brought on the accounts and passed thro' the Treasury - If so, the procedure has been explained, so that there may be little objection for mal. practices -

If the Committee may be requested to offer his remarks on the case.

12.3.30

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Here is an appeal petn received today Please put up

Cle
13/3/30

Record with the appeal petition received. If appeared, before the matter is referred to the Committee as suggested by the Hon'ble Mr. Dr's remarks in the appeal petn will be obtained (Gr. Sec.)

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& The Director's remarks will come separately. There is no need to wait for them before taking action as suggested by the Hon'ble G. M. Send the U.O. of the Controller for favour of remarks

RB
18/3/30

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
20 MAR 1930
478 Spl.
BANGALORE

Read above & U.O. sent

Comptroller's U.O. No. 3889/1930

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Forwarded with compliments to the Controller for favour of remarks

BG

Chinnamma
For General Secretary
18/3/30

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[LAD 764. dt— 15. April 1930.]

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G. O. 473 dt 19.4.30.

10) Returned with Compliments.

The Nandi Hill station Supervisor was breaking the fundamental account rule that all receipts should be paid into the Treasury and all Expenditure met from money drawn from the Treasury for the purpose— ~~there is~~ Though the strict observance of this rule is necessary if any control or audit of the transactions of a Government department is to be possible, yet there is a general tendency not to understand ~~appreciate~~ or follow it— ~~Invariably~~

Departure from it invariably leads to financial irregularities of all kinds.—

11 In this particular case it is seen that Go. No 6485-6 G.M.-339-14-61 dated 24th NW 1915, laid down that the above account procedure should be followed and that a monthly statement of the receipts and Expenditure should be submitted to Government. These directions of Government seem to have been disregarded—

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12 The transactions of the Nandi Hill station are now

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being audited locally by the local auditor and a report will be submitted in due course - I am told that complete initial records are not maintained to show correctly what is actually recoverable & what is actually payable - Without these records ~~there will be great difficulty~~ it will not be possible to detect all the irregularities committed.

13 The procedure of keeping on hand undisbursed pay for six months is not regular, DC Clk and the Supervisor cannot evade his responsibility for the irregularities mentioned -

S Ramanna
15-4-30

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I approve the appeal decision of the Inspector will be sent to the Director for his remarks before final orders are passed. The Dir. may ~~Gen. Insp~~ also be requested to explain why the irregularities pointed out by the Comptr. above were allowed to occur

Gen. Insp. 15 Dir. 15-4-30

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25 APR. 1930
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dt. 5/5/30.

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17 Opt. for approval (Gen. Sec.)

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3. D. 12639/. dated 9/5 13/5/30.
To The Director of Horti.
Forwards for his remarks the petition of Mr. Govindarajulu, with the Comptroller's U.O Note, with a request to be informed why the irregularities were allowed to occur.

Gen B Sec 29.5.30

19 The report was called for about a month ago on the 28th instant and has not yet been received. Issued with a D.O. reminder.
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4 Letter No. Camp II dated 20th June 1929 from the Dir. of Horti. Submitting a report on the petition of Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu, Supervisor Nandi Hills Station.

20 The main charge against the Supervisor of the Hill Station is that he allowed certain irregularities to occur in the Hill Station and that he has not answered a Govt. No. 296-10-9 to the accounts for by him, in spite of repeated reminders.

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24 Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu, the Supervisor, presented a Memorial to Govt. pleading innocence, and he has referred to the Commendatory remarks made about him in the Administration Report of the Dept. for 1927-28 &c.

25 The Director has analysed the Memorial of the Supervisor and finds that (i) his points referred to in the Memorial are not borne out by facts

(ii) that the Statement by the Supervisor that the Steward did not make certain payment to the Council he considered to be true

(iii) that the Supervisor allowed certain irregularities to the Committee unauthorly, and

(iv) that the procedure adopted by the official in presenting a petn to Govt. direct is not in order.

26. The order dated 10th January 1930 passed by the Dir. explains the facts of the case. Submitted for orders.

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The report promised by the Comptr (item 1 of notes) may be awaited. The Director has also promised a further report as regards certain irregularities of accts. procedure pointed out by the Comptr. G. is only when all these reports have been received that it will be possible to assess the blame. As it is, it is impossible to get a clear idea of the case, as the Dir's reports are not very elucidative (Gen Sec)

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25 RG 8/7/30 Ca 9/7

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26 Please remind Comptr Ca 12/7

27 Worfd. Sent. 18.7.30.

28. Issued Ca 15/7

D. 797/ dated 16/7/30.
Reminder to the Comptroller issued.

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5	Letter no 170 L&D dated 13th Aug. '30 from the Comptroller to Govt. forwarding, with his remarks, the audit report on the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station 29 Submitted for perusal. The audit report discloses very serious irregularities and may perhaps be sent to this Office with a request for further remarks. Before passing final orders on it it is for consideration whether the present Superintendent may be allowed to continue in charge of this work. (Vide 18.3.9.30 para 24 above and Govt orders against it). KB 30 The Comptr's report may be forwarded to the Director for obtaining the explanation of the persons concerned for the various irregularities & submitting the same with his own opinion. He may also be requested to give his opinion on the suggestions made for keeping accounts in future (Govt. file) 31 Yes. Please do. Govt may submit to the Minister for perusal KB 6/9/30. Ca 6/9 32 Draft Sanad 33 Issued Ca 10/9 18.10.9 30 KB

Audit report recd. from the Comptr. on this subject is also placed herewith - D. 19 Sl (Sl. b) - 18.5.9 30.

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D 2976 dated 12/9/30

To The Director of Horti.

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Forwards the Comptroller's Audit Report + calls for his remarks thereon together with the explanations of the persons concerned.

34, Submitted for perusal, after issue (Refer. paras 30 & 31)

18.12.9.30.

(Col. Mac)

35 Secy. - Thanks.

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OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL 17 SEPT. 1930 No. 3.09.1

Gs Bhl. 15.10.30

GEN. & REV. DEPT. 24 SEP. DEVELOPMENT B

Letter, no. Confl. 3 dated 10th Oct. 1930 from the Dir. of Horti. Stating that the accounts shown as outstanding in the Comptroller's audit report have been received in part. That a portion thereof has been arranged to be received in instalments, and recommending that

i) that Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu be reverted to D.S.O.

ii) an accounts clerk on Rs. 55-D/- be appointed for this Station work

iii) an Office Assistant on Rs. 15-D/-p.m. may be sanctioned immediately for the Dept.

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3b Subd. for perusal. There will not be heavy work on this Hill Station for about 8 months in the year and the necessity for a separate clerk and office is not clear. The Supervisor of this Hill Station is paid Rs. 50-7-10/- and he has got a Steward on Rs. 25-1-30+ Rs. 10/- and there ought to be ample to attend to all accounts work properly under the supervision of the Supdt. G.S. ~~If it is intended to grant extra staff for financial duty to be considered.~~

37 The irregularities in the Hill Stations have not been explained; the Dir. think that Mr Govindarajulu Naidu is not free from blame and recommends that he may be reverted to the P.W.D. It is not known whether he was taken from the Service roll and whether his D.P. to are proposed to stay. Submit now. Subd for orders. 14.12.30.

38 Further report promised on the irregularities may be awaited & the Dairies requested to forward the same early.

Gen. Secy 24/10

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This inspection was called for by Minister and has not yet been furnished. There was no need for this procedure unless it was authorized by the Asst Secy or other higher Officer KP 22/10

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39 Draft Submd. 1c/ 27.10.30. WB ——— 40) Issued 28/10	
Letter no-D. 4633 dt 29.10-1930 from Dir-Horti: requesting submission of his report on the remarks passed by the audit report.	9
Letter No 113 dated 29th June 1931 from the Director of Horticulture returning the Audit Report with the explanation of the officer in charge and requesting orders for the reversion of Mr. Ramadorai Naidu to the P.W.D.	10
41) The Service Regist and the Character Role of Murugesam (Para 7) have not been received. A court calling for the same is held for appl 2/7/31 BR 2.7.31 42) Issued 2/7	
Issued No E 71 dated 3-7-31 Letter No 136 dated the 17th July 1931 from the Dir of Horticulture forwarding the Service Regist of V.T. Murugesam and stating that his Character role is not maintained	
43) Submitted for orders 20/7/31	

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44) The facts of this case are as follows:--

In his letter No. Contal 8 dated 27th February 1930 the Director of Horiculture reported about certain irregularities alleged to have been committed by the

Mr. P.M. Govindarajalu Naidu
Supervisor.
from 1st June 1927 to - March 1930.
(in direct charge of stores from 4th August 1927 to 4th April 1928)

Mr. K. Doraiswamy, Steward in charge of stores
24-3-27 to 5-8-27.

Mr.V.T. Murugesam Mudaliar, Steward.
4-8-27 to 10-7-29

marginally noted officials of the Nandi Hill Station in the matter of accounts of oil-mans stores stocked on the Station by Messrs. Spencer & Co., and the action taken by him to -- recover the amounts due from the parties concerned. He stated that the Public Prosecutor had been communicated with in regard to the recovery of a sum of -- Rs. 270/- due from Doraiswamy, who was no longer in service, and that for the balance of Rs. 296-10-9, -- found short in the accounts, he had held the Supervisor, Govindarajalu Naidu, responsible and had withheld his pay from July to December 1929 keeping it in -- deposit till he settled his accounts.

45) This letter was sent unofficially for remarks to the Comptroller who in his note dated 15th April 1930 (paras 10 - 13) stated that the transactions of the Nandi Hill Station were being locally audited and a report would be submitted in due course. He also said that the action of the Director in having kept on -- hand the undisbursed pay of the Supervisor was - -

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irregular.

46) The first report of the Comptroller was received with his letter No. 170/LAD, dated 13th August 1930 @ Flag "B" This report showed that the accounts of the Hill Station were left in hopeless ~~condition~~ confusion for years together, ~~and~~ many of the important records were missing and that the auditor had considerable difficulty in arriving at even a fairly accurate estimate of the real position. The main irregularities are enumerated on page 2 of the report. From the information available, however, the auditor prepared a statement of account (App. I of Report - Flag "C") which showed that a sum of Rs. 1,784-4-3 remained unaccounted for by the subordinate staff of the Garden's Department of which a sum of Rs. 1,073-14-7 had already been recovered and the balance of Rs. 710-5-8 (Rs. 283-2-3 due to Government and Rs. 427-3-5 to Messrs. Spencer & Co.) had to be recovered from the marginally noted persons.

1.	Shamanna ...	Rs. 15-14-0
2.	C. Raghunatha Rao & Subba Rao.	60--0-2
3.	Doraiswamy ...	318--7-0
4.	Murugesam. ...	255--7-3
5.	Govindarajulu Naidu.	60--9-3
	Total.	710--5-8

47) In his second report dated 29th August 1930 (Flag D) the Comptroller pointed out certain other irregularties in the accounts and made some suggestions for improving the present procedure of maintaining the accounts of the Hill Station. Both these reports were forwarded to the Director of Horticulture on 12th September 1930 for remarks. He replied in his letter dated 10th October 1930 (H E) that out of the balance shown above, items (1) and (5) had been recovered, that arrangements had been made to recover item (2) and that items (3) and (4)

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were being recovered in instalments. He promised a further communication on the other points raised in the Comptroller's reports.

48) After a number of reminders, the Director has at last returned with his letter dated 29th June 1931 (P.U.D.) the Comptroller's reports with the explanation of the officer concerned on the several irregularities noticed. He states that all the amounts due have been recovered, except the following, which are being recovered in monthly instalments.

Doraiswamy.	...	Rs. 250--7-0
Murugesam.	...	46-15-3
		Rs. 297--6-3

The explanation of the Superintendent generally seeks to throw all the blame for the irregularities on the subordinates. Lack of a proper accountant is also urged as an excuse. But it is evident that this is only another instance of the general laxity that prevails in the whole department and which Government have often had occasion to notice, e.g., Vide G.O. No. D. 4914-16/G.G. 66-27-3, dated 5th November 1930. According to G.O. No. D. 5696-708/G.G. 68-27-2, dated 1st December 1928, the Superintendent of the Government Gardens is in direct charge of the Hill Station and he cannot altogether escape responsibility for allowing such a state of things to go on for years together, especially when his subordinates were low paid men and, according to his own experience, also unreliable. The Director too does not attempt to exonerate the Superintendent altogether (vide para 4 of P.U.D. - the language is a bit missed here, but

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it is possible to get at the meaning). Ultimately, the Director is also responsible for the general inefficiency of the Department.

49) As regards the officials directly responsible for the irregularities, the services of S. Subba Rao have already been dispensed with on another reference from the Director (vide G.O. No. D. 5010-11/ G.G. 41-30-2, dated 7th November 1930). Doraiswamy is no longer in service and is said to be now working under Messrs. Spencer & Co., Murugesam and Govindarājulu Naidu are now at the Head Office at Bangalore. The Director recommends that the latter may be reverted to the P.W.D. in which he holds a permanent appointment. This may be approved.

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50) With regards to the Comptroller's suggestions for the proper maintenance of accounts in future, the Director says that they can be followed only if an Accounts Clerk on Rs. 50/- is appointed for the Hill Station. He also wants an Office Assistant on Rs. 150/- for the efficient working of the whole Department. The Nandi Hill staff consists of a Supervisor on Rs. 50 plus 10 and a Steward on Rs. 25-1-30 plus 10. By posting reliable men with some knowledge of accounts to thse appointments and with proper supervision by the Higher Officers, this staff ought to be quite enough for the Station, especially when there is little or no work there for about eight months in the year. As regards extra staff for the whole department, the First Member has already ordered on another file that the question may await the detailed report of the Retrenchment Committee.

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51) The Director may, therefore, be requested to see that all the irregularities are set right immediately and the accounts procedure suggested by the Comptroller introduced with the existing staff. The Comptroller also suggests that the Oilman-stores section may be run by a private agency. The Superintendent says the question is under consideration. -- Further report may be awaited.

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52) The report discloses a very unsatisfactory state of affairs.

53) It is a matter for orders whether the recovery of the amounts due from some of the officials is enough & whether further disciplinary action may not be taken.

54) The explanation of the officers concerned (in regard to matters touched upon in para 48) may, if asked, be called for.

1st. member) 5-8-31

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55) The disposal of this case has been unnecessarily delayed. The several communications received from the Director of Horticulture and the Comptroller have been held in suspense; ~~while~~ points raised in them should have been dealt with then and there, as far as possible.

56) Even now no clear note of all the points calling for orders has been put up.

57) Out of Rs 1,784-4-3 to be accounted for, it is reported that a sum of Rs 1,486-14-0 has been recovered and that the balance of Rs 297-6-3 is in ~~the~~ course of recovery in monthly instalments from the two persons held liable to make it good. If any part of the claim of Messrs Spencer & Co. still remains undischarged, it should be paid up immediately and held as an advance to be recouped from recoveries which are being made from the two persons Duraiswami and Murugasem.

58) Govindarajulu Naidu may be reverted to the Public Works Department in which he is reported to hold a permanent appointment.

59) No additional establishment can now be sanctioned. The transactions of the Hill Station for which accounts have to be kept, are simple in their nature and it should be possible for the present staff to keep all the books and documents required.

60) All the suggestions of the Comptroller in regard to the books to be maintained and the periodical

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periodical returns to be submitted should be followed in the future.

(61) Several records required for audit are reported to have been not produced for examination, e.g., the cash book kept in the Lal-Bagh Office prior to June 1927, the receipt book relating to the amounts received subsequent to July 1927, and accounts pertaining to purchases made from Messrs Spencer & Coy. from the commencement. It is reported that some of the account books maintained by the Supervisor and produced for audit, were those prepared just before audit was taken up and not those written up as the transactions took place. Receipts do not seems to have been issued invariably in all cases of advance-rents received from visitors in the Lal-Bagh Office prior to June 1927. No Remittance Register is stated to have been kept for the same period. The whole file of papers relating to purchases made from Messrs Spencer & Coy. including bills preferred by them and receipts granted by them, was found missing. The elementary rule that all receipts should be remitted to the treasury and that funds for all payments should be drawn from the treasury, was disregarded.

(62) All these irregularities in Supervision points to the great laxity on the part of the higher staff of the Department. It was particularly the duty of the Superintendent, Government Gardens, as the officer in direct charge of the Hill Station to have exercised supervision, prompt and effective enough, to prevent

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prevent all these irregularities. The condition of the accounts shows that he took a great deal on trust instead of exercising personal supervision as he ought to have done.

63) The non-verification of the oilman-stores and other articles borne on the stock account is one of the points to which the Comptroller has drawn special attention. All materials in stock should be verified twice a year and prompt action taken to make good the deficiencies discovered in stock taking.

64) If there are any other points to be dealt with, they may be separately noted ~~so that the disposal of this case may not be interfered with~~.

65) May be submitted to the Dewan.

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66) Dewan) Secd. 7.8.31 Ce 7/8

67) 8-7-31

68) Dft. early 8-8-31 Ce 8/8

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69) Submitted with a draft for consideration

8/9 70) Please type as revised Ca 3/9
27/8/31 28.8.31.

71) Submitted with a typed draft as revised

8/9 72) Opr: for approval Ca 5/9
4/9/31 5.9.31 Secy S)

MK 10/9/31

73) 2nd member Ca 11/9
Mr. Lee

74) h 11/9/31

3 SEP. 1931 REVENUE SECTION

Fr 891/11-9-1931

OFFICE OF THE SECOND-MEMBER OF COUNCIL 11 SEP. 1931 No. 763

75) Please see my marginal note on the draft. to be put up

SM 16/9

76) Records back from Dr. Secy. with instructions Please re-type page 6 of draft as revised Ca 17/9

77) Page 6 retyped and Submitted.

8/9 78) Revised draft re-submitted for approval Ca 18/9
18.9.31 Secy S)

79) It is a point for orders whether the attention of the Supdt: should be drawn to the negligence in re. the checking of accounts etc. which seems partly to have encouraged the commission of these irregularities (vide page 6 of draft orders).

MK 18/9.

2nd Member) I have added a sentence to that effect Ca 21/9

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OFFICE OF THE SECOND-MEMBER OF COUNCIL 22 SEP. 1931 No. 6015

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Draft issued.
Issued 28.9.31
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G. G File No. 56 of 1929 — General and Revenue Secretariat

G.O No 1219-21 dated the 26th Sept 31 addressed to the Director of Horticulture the Coimbatore Forests, and the Chief Engineer directing the reversion of Mr. Govindarajulu to the P.W.D and stating that there is no necessity to the additional establishment — 11

A draft letter returning the service Register of V.J. Munuswami Mudaliar and requesting him to submit his recommendation re the Pilimalai slope is submitted for approval. The points requiring orders have already been dealt with in the G.O. and there seem to be no other points requiring orders: If approved, these papers will be filed after the letter and G.O. is issued.

13/10/31 — 13.10.31. Yes, issue. Also see that a report is received in due course of the completion of all original works taken over.

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Letter No. 1587 dated the 22nd Oct 1931 to the Director of Horticulture returning the service register of Mr. V.J. Munuswami and calling for proposals to the retention of the Pilimalai slope by a private agency — 12

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Telegraphic address
"Horti., Bangalore."

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE,
MYSORE STATE.

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Confdl No. 8
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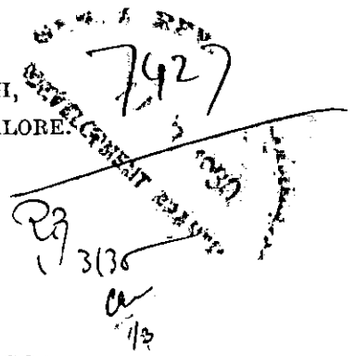
Lal-Bagh, Bangalore,
27th February 1930.

FROM

G. H. KRUMBIEGEL, ESQ., F.R.H.S.,
DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE IN MYSORE, LAL-BAGH,
BANGALORE.



To

R. RANGA RAO, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,

General Secretary to Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e .

Subject:-- Oilman Stores account of the Nandi Hill Station.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report for the information of Government certain irregularities committed by Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu, the Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station in the matter of the account of the -- Oilman Stores of Messrs. Spencer & Co., in the Nandi Hill Station.

2. Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu took charge of the office of the Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station on 1- 6- 1927 and during his time his - Assistant, the Steward K. Doraswamy went on leave from 5th August 1927 Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu took charge of the Oilman Stores and relieved K. Doraswamy of his duties, accepting what the Steward gave him i.e. Stock to the value of Rs.133-3- 3 and Rs.15-10-0 in Cash. Since the latter extended his leave and did not return to duty, taking employment under Messrs. Spencer & Co., Madras, the Superintendent asked the Supervisor Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu repeatedly during his inspections of the Nandi Hill Station to report and settle about the accounts during the period when K. Doraswamy was in charge of the Stores. This the Supervisor did not do as required in Article 286 and 287 of P. W. Account Code and -- liabled himself of the responsibility for all the difficiencies found in K. Doraswamy's accounts.

P.T.O.

As the Supervisor did not attend to this work the Superintendent got the accounts checked by one of the staff of the Government Gardens Department and found that K. Doraswamy ought to have handed over -- Rs.378-2-5. A reference was made to him through Messrs. Spencer & Co., Madras, on the subject. He went over to Bangalore, checked his books and admitted his liability. He paid Rs.108-2-5 out of this amount and said that the balance had been paid by him to one S. Subba Rao who was an employee of the Hill Station and who is now in the Gardens Department and agreed to produce the receipt obtained from him within a week. He did not do so. Hence action was taken against him for the recovery -- of the said amount by referring the case to the Public Prosecutor and sending a copy to the Legal Remembrancer as per copies attached herewith.

378-2-5
108-2-5
270-0-0

3. K. Doraswamy did not turn up even after the expiry of his leave and so one V. Murgasam Mudaliar who was working as clerk in the Lal-Bagh Sale Depot was appointed temporarily as Steward Nandi Hill Station on -- 4- 8- 27. The latter was there from 4- 8- 27 to 10- 7- 1929. During this period too Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu did not scruitnise the -- accounts nor attempted to keep the accounts properly.

On 21- 9- 1928 and 31- 12- 28 a sum of Rs.31- 4- 0 and 92- 2- 0 being the proceeds realised by the Sale of Oilman Stores was paid to the Supervisor Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu by Steward Murgasam for being remitted to Messrs. Spencer & Co., Bangalore. This amount he says he did not receive, though records show that he must have received the amount since he had remitted Rs.100/- on 30th January 1929 to Messrs. Spencer & Co., instead of Rs.28-1-29, which ought to be the balance on hand. If he had not received this amount he would have not sent Rs.100/- to the firm.

I went through the whole case, getting the accounts of the Oilman stores checked and passed orders as per copy enclosed herein for -- information and which explains the whole case.

P.T.O.

R. RANGA RAO, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
General Secreaty to Government. - 3 - February.1930.

The Supervisor's explanations received therefor are not satisfactory and so I have withheld his pay from July to December 1929 and kept it as Deposit till he settles up his accounts paying the sum of Rs.296-10- 9 for which he is responsible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE.

Enclosure to no Confdl. 8
to Genl. Secy to Govt.

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NANDI HILL STATION ACCOUNTS.

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M E M O R A N D U M

Reference:--

1. Audit report of the Nandi Hill Station accounts and connected Registers and papers.

2. Memorandum of statements and explanations obtained from the Supervisor Mr. M. P. Govindarajulu'Naidu and Steward Murgasam during thepersonal enquiry by the Superintendent.

3. Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu's letter No.1 dated 16th September 1929 requesting that item No.1, 2 and 3 referred to in this letter may be recovered from Steward Murgasam and for Item No. 4 he would submit his explanation after knowing its details, and item No.5 he would pay.

O R D E R S .

Item No. 1:- On going through the above records and books I find that Steward Murgasam must have paid the sum of Rs.31-14-0 and Rs.92-2-0 (Rs.124/-) to the Supervisor in as much as the latter has remitted a sum of Rs.100/- on 30th Janauary 1929 instead of Rs.28- 1- 9 which would have been the balance on hand. If he had not received this amount from the steward he could not have remitted more than the amount available and there was no need for him to do so. It is therefore evident that the Supervisor has received this amount Viz., Rs.124/- from the Steward. Besides he has accepted this during the audit from the slip of paper he has worked out the totals which show that the sum of Rs.31-14-0 and Rs.92-2-0 had been taken into account. I therefore order that Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu should pay Rs.124/-the amourt under reference and Rs.16-15-9 being the balance of Sale Proceeds unremitted by him (not Rs.11-15-9 as stated in his letter dated 16th September 1929) or Rs.140-15-9

as noted in item No·1 of this office letter No.114 dated 13-9-29.

Item No.2:--Regarding the sum of Rs.6 /- being the profit realised by the sale of Oilman Stores the undersigned observes that

(a) No account has been maintained of the profits realised from the sale of Oilman Stores and the Expenditure nor has he reported to this office about them till the end of June 1929.

(b) The expenditure incurred by the Steward during his time and maintained by him on a sheet of paper has not at all been checked and verified by the Supervisor.

(c) The Supervisor himself was in charge of the Oilman Stores for 8 months i.e. 4-8-1927 to 4- 4- 1928 even then he has not kept any account of the profit realised and the expenditure made, though a list of cost of sale prices had been given for -- guidance.

(d) The new Stock Book which was got opened as per orders of the Superintendent on the 25th February 1929 was continued for about four months and then it was discontinued. No report has been made to this office till to-day.

(e) On the 9th May 1929 when the Superintendent during his inspection asked the Supervisor, in connection with the appointment of a new hand for the post of the Steward advertised whether the Steward Murgasam owed any thing to the Oilman Stores account then the Supervisor has said that he owed nothing. If there was anything short or wrong with the Steward he could have reported the matter to him. This he did not do.

(f) He has replied to this office reference that he was not responsible for the Oilman Stores account and as such he was 4, not responsible for the Oilman Stores account and as such he was not checking or seeing to it. But from the Stock Books it is seen that the Supervisor has regularly checked and initialed from 20th July 1928.

(g) While receiving the remittance from the Steward he has not scrutinised the profit account, Sale Proceeds etc., and made a report to this office.

(h) In his letter No. 680 dated 21- 6- 1929 he has stated that he and his Assistart Steward are both responsible forthe Oilman Stores account but during the personal enquiry by the -- Superintendent he has stated that if he admitted that he is -- responsible for the Oilman Stores account then he would be made responsible for the amount and so he stated that he was not -- responsible.

(i) He has stated that he was not aware that the Stores should be sold on profit. But in his letter No. C. 12 dated 11- 7- 1929 he has reported that the articles other than aerated waters are sold at one anna profit in the rupee and soda Rs.1-8-0 a dozen and sweets Rs.2- 8- 0 a dozen and during the personal enquiry he has also stated that he himself has sold articles to -- maity Subbiah at 6 pies profit and spent the amount on freight etc., but no account has been maintained.

Further it is also observed that when K. Doraswamy the late Steward went on leave from 5- 8- 1927 the Supervisor Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu has not done his duty as per rules contained in Article Nos. 286 and 287 of Public Works Department Account Code and has deliberately disobeyed the orders of the Superintendent in not checking and reporting about the Oilman Stores account of the late Steward Doraswamy. He has therefore liabled himself of the responsibility for all the deficiencies found in K. Doraswamy accounts. He is fully responsible for thea accounts of the -- Oilman Stores, though the Steward keeps the lists. He should -- therefore pay half the realisations as profit viz. Rs.67/-.

Item No. 6:--Regarding the sum of Rs.65-6-0, I observe that Steward Murgasam has actually spent Rs.40- 6- 0 for the -- Purchase of certain articles required for the Hill Station maintenance and paid Rs.25/- without noting details to the Supervisor as seen from the working slips produced during the enquiry. Thus the - Oilman Stores account was short by this amount in its balance. -

The Supervisor has in due course recouped the said sum of Rs.40-6-0 on D. C. Bills. He has not brought either the receipt or the -- expenditure of such transactions in his Cash Book and it is also not possible from his records to find out whether he has paid back the amount or adjusted it. Since he is unable to furnish full particulars to prove that the sum under reference has been paid and adjusted he has been made liable for this amount which - he should pay.

Further the Supervisor must know that he is the responsible and disbursing official on the Hill Station and he knows fully well that all payments are to be receipted and as such he cannot defend his mistake by merely saying that he has paid and taken back the vouchers with a view to support his cause.

Item No. 4:-- Regarding the sum of Rs.23-5-0 he has seen and known the details for the sum which he has accepted. The details are as follows:--

24- 7- 28	To Washerman's account ..		7- 0- 0
24- 8- 28	" Cart-hire for bringing plants from Nardi Station to Motor shed		1- 0- 0
28- 8- 28	" Nails purchased ..		2- 8- 0
25- 9- 28	" Purchase Huricane Lanterns		3- 8- 0
1-10- 28	" Nails purchased ..		2- 8- 0
1-10- 28	" One tine Kerosine Oil .		3-13- 0
14- 8- 28	" Lanterns ..		3- 0- 0
		Rs.	23- 5- 0

It is a false statement to say that he did not know the details as he was present during the whole audit and enquiry. He has got to adjust this as they have drawn on D. C. Bills and remitted to him.

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Item No. 5/-- Rs.7-10-0 of item No. 5 of the same letter:-- He will remit the amount as stated by him in his letter No'1 dated 16th September 1929 forthwith.

His replies and statements are quite inconsistent and go to prove that the Supervisor has not realised his position and -- responsibility. He cannot in this way cover up his faults and - throw the blame on his subordinate.

As Supervisor, he is resporsible for all the works connected with the Hill Station, I therefore confirm the orders of the -- Superintendent.

Lal-Bagh, Bangalore. (
) Sd/- G. H. Krumbiegel,
10th January 1930 (

DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE.

"TRUE COPY"

Director of Horticulture.

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Enclosure to no(Conf)18
to Gen. Secy to Government

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,
GOVT. GARDENS IN MYSORE.

LAL-BAGH, BANGALORE,

Dated.....January.....*1929*/30

FROM

H. C. JAVARAYA, ESQ., L.Ag., F.L.S., F.R.H.S.,
Superintendent, Government Gardens in Mysore.
& Hill Stations

To

The Public Prosecutor,

B a n g a l o r e .

Sir,

I have the honour to state that one Mr. K. Doraswamy who was the Steward, Nandi Hill Station and who had the charge of the Stores thereat since 24th March 1927 went on leave on 5-8-27 on plea of "Urgent Private affairs" and on 21st August 1927 he applied for three months leave from 20th August 1927 saying that his son will work as substitute for him. But he did not send his son for work. It was ther found out that he had taken employment under Messrs. Spencer & Co., Madras. He had sold Oilman Stores to the value of Rs.378-2-5 which amount he neither sent to this office nor to Messrs. Spencer & Co., Bangalore. He gave no intimation whatever to this Department about his having taken up the new employment.

After correspondence with him through the firm, he went over to this office and examined the books maintained by him at the Nandi Hill Station and admitted his liability. Thereupon he paid Rs.108-2-5 and said that the balance had been paid by him to one Mr. S. Subba Rao, who was also an employee of the Hill Station and who is still in this Department, and agreed to produce the receipt obtained from him within a week and if he failed to do so, he would pay that amount also viz., Rs.270/-. But on 14th August 29, he wrote from Madras that he could not get the receipt and that Mr. S. Subba Rao should be responsible for the amount and that he could prove it in the Court of Law and that the Statement signed

P.T.O.

FROM

H. C. JAVARAYA, ESQ.,
L.Ag., F.L.S., F.R.H.S.,
Superintendent,
Government Gardens in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

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by him in Bangalore was done under threat and compulsion. I then wrote to him explaining the situation and telling him that if he did not pay the amount, as he was not able to produce the receipt for his having paid the amount to Mr. S. Subba Rao, steps whould be taken to recover the amount. To this he sent a letter through an Advocate to the same effect again. A reply was sent to the advocate that his clients statements were inconsistent and that if he did not pay up the dues, further steps would be taken to recover the same.

It is intended that legal steps should be taken to recover the amount as early as possible.

The transaction under reference, though under Government control, does not go under 'General Revenues', the sale proceeds being remitted direct to Messrs. Spencer & Co., Bangalore.

I request you to be good enough to kindly take such steps, Civil, Criminal or both as necessary and recover the said amount due by him.

If you kindly appoint the time and date convenient to you, I shall send the file of papers over to you with one of my assistants for your information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- H. C. Javaraya,

Superintendent,
Govt. Gardens and Hill Stations.

"True Copy"

Director of Horticulture.

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From

P.M. Govindaraj Naidu,
Supervisor Nandi Hill Station.

To.

The General Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Through

The Director of Horticulture in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

The humble petition of P.M. Govindaraj, Supervis
Nandi Hill Station, Nandi Hills.

S i r,

The petitioner above-named, most respectfully, begsto bring the few following lines for your kind and sympathetic consideration in the hope that you will be pleased to do him justice after holding a full and detailed enquiry into his case as against the orders of the Director of Horticulture in Mysore, Bangalore.

The facts of the case in brief, are as follows:-

(1) The Department has withheld his pay for a period of six months on the allegation that he had fraudulantly misappropriated a total sum of Rs.292-14-9 due to Messrs. Spencer and Co., on account of oilmanstores maintained on the Nandi Hills.

(2) Your petitioner's correspondence with the Superintendent the books of account maintained by the Steward, Murugasam, which were entirely in his charge, and the communications made to the petitioner by the Superintendent and the Director will show how unjustly a charge of misappropriation is brought against him and how the Department had been put upon a wrong tract.

(3) From a perusal of the records concerning his case, you will be pleased to find:

(a) The petitioner's bonafides, in as much as the enquiry about the shortage in oilmanstoreswas instituted at his instance and initiative.

(b) That the conduct of Mr. Murugasam, in absenting himself without leave for ten days in continuation of two days' leave he had obtained in the month of May 1929, his sudden disappearance from the station with the remittance book without the permission of the petitioner, when his accounts were being checked by him (the petitioner) and Mr. Raghunatha Rao under the orders of the Superintendent without handing-over charge completely and without obtaining an official relief note, calls for a satisfactory explanation.

(c) The different statements sent to the petitioner at different times accusing him of misappropriation of different sums of money ranging between Rs.1,882-5-6 and Rs.292-14-9 and the attempt made by the Department to fix the responsibility for the said shortage first upon him, then upon another, will show how unsubstantial are the charges brought against him. The sum of Rs.1,882-5-6 represents the total amount due to Spencer & Co., years before the petitioner was appointed as Supervisor of the Hill Station. His period of work on the Hills began from June 1927 and the Superintendent's inspection notes dated 9th May 1929 certify that he had maintained proper accounts during the period that he was in charge.

If the petitioner was the real culprit, the whole amount should have been straight away collected from him and not from any others, whom the Department at first held innocent and now partially responsible.

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(d) that the Superintendent found the petitioner's work satisfactory and accounts maintained by him correct, as evidenced by his (the Superintendent's) inspection notes dated 9th May 1929.

(e) that the petitioner had accounted for every item, he was specifically called upon to explain.

(f) Overlooking the fact that the unusual influx of visitors to the Hills had kept the petitioner fully engaged for the whole season, which gave him no time to regualarly and minutely check the accounts of the oilmanstores, the Department think it fit to withhold his pay for six months, even though drawn in the usual course of business from the Treasury, on the assumption that the entire responsibility of the management of the Hill Station is his, inspite of his producing the real culprit before the Department for enquiry and punishment.

(4) The Department, instead of calling upon Mr. Murugasam to explain his course of conduct and account for the non-receipted sums, turned round upon the petitioner, after the lapse of a period of eight months, and after making many charges in the allegations against him, have framed the following charges which the petitioner had time and again, explained in his correspondence with the Superintendent, as would be borne out by the records in the Head office at - Bangalore.

(i) that the petitioner had received Rs.124/- and Rs.25/- from the Steward and not accounted for them.

(ii) that Rs.23-5-0 and Rs.40-6-0 though drawn on detailed contingent bills were neither adjusted nor accounted for.

(iii) that he had not paid Rs.16-15-0 that were in his hands to the Spencer & Co., and had not accounted for Rs.67/-, being half the amount of profits made on oilmanstores.

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Regarding Rs.124/-. He had submitted that the sum of Rs.124/- was made up of 2 items, i.e., Rs.92-2-0 and Rs.31-14-0 in the cash book, not acknowledged by him. If the Steward had really paid the petitioner the sums as he alleges he did, he would surely have obtained the petitioner's signature immediately on their respective payment against those two items as usual. The petitioner had also submitted that, in as much as, the Steward was the custodian of the account books and the entries therein were in his hand-writing, he should be called upon to account for them and ~~him~~ not the petitioner. In spite of his pointed reference to this fact and accounting for Rs.100/- sent to ~~him~~ the firm, the Superintendent was not pleased to verify this allegation made by him with reference to the Steward's accounts.

Regarding Rs.25/-: He had submitted that he was never in receipt of this sum. The Department would not accept his denial, even though there was no satisfactory evidence before it to the contrary.

Regarding Rs.23-15-0: He had submitted that he had paid the amount into the Treasury along with other sums, on 11th July 1929. He is ~~xxxxxx~~ prepared to satisfy you upon this head with reference to accounts.

Regarding Rs.40-6-0: As against a portion of this sum, i.e., Rs. 29-2-0, the petitioner had submitted three vouchers taken back from the Steward in token of payment made and offered explanation for the rest. The Department would not accept his explanation, on the ground, that he had not obtain

Regarding Rs.67/- half of the profit amount, no accounts were expected to be maintained by the petitioner since the Steward used to expend the same for meeting freight and cooly charges etc. Hence, the petitioner is not responsible for the amount.

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Regarding Rs.16-15-0: the petitioner had submitted that he had the money in hand and did not remit it to the Company as it had not reached the sum of Rs.25/-, which was the minimum amount he could remit under the orders of the Superintendent. Out of this amount, Rs.3-12-0 due to the Soap Factory has since been remitted to the Treasury (5) The petitioner's innocence in the matter becomes still more emphasised by the conduct of the Department in at one time holding Mr. Murugasam responsibible for the self-same sum as disclosed by its letter No. 12 dated 9th July 1929, and after the lapse of about eight months, for no proper reasons, tr-ying to fix the responsibility for it on the petitioner. As such, he most respectfully submits that the withholding of his six months' pay, without orders, especially when it had been drawn on bills prepared and submitted by him to the Superintendent for countersignature and when the same had been endorsed in favour of and cashed by somebody from the Head office, is not, the petitione may be permitted to say, in order.

(6) In further emphasising his honest course of conduct he may be permitted to state that he had the honour to be in the service of the Government ever since 1921. During this period of service, it was his privilege to serve many officers to their entire satisfaction, and that his work on the Hills finds particular reference in the Administrative Report of Government Gardens Department, for the year 1927-28 pages 14 and 15.

(7) In conclusion, the petitioner throws himself upon your mercy and submits that the charges against him are not true and that in the interests of the Department as well as his, it is necessary that the whole matter should be gone into thoroughly with reference to all the records and the real culprit

culprit punished and the attempt to make a scape goat of him frustrated.

For which act of kindness, I shall over feel thankful.

He begs to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) P.M. Govindaraj Naidu

Supervisor.
12.3.30.

Copies of some of the important communications in the matter enclosed:-

(1) Extract from the Superintendent's inspection notes of the Nandi Hill Station, on 9th May 1929.

(2) Letter No.638 dated the 8th June 1929 from the Superintendent, Government Gardens, to the petitioner.

(3) Letter No. 13 dated the 9th July 1929 from the Superintendent, Government Gardens, to Mr. V.T. Murugasam, Steward.

(4) Letter No. 114 dated the 13th September 1929 from the Superintendent, Government Gardens, to the petitioner.

(5) Statement of amount said to be due from the petitioner

Copy is submitted to the General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

P.M. Govindaraj Naidu
Supervisor.

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Nandi Hill Station.
Extract from the Supt
Inspection Notes.

9th May 1929.

A. Accounts:

1. The accounts of Oilman Stores is mixed up in Spencer's Bills with those of other purchases. The Firm has been addressed in the matter of keeping the accounts quite separate from each other.

2. The Supervisor has been instructed to send the amounts realised by the sale of Oilman Stores direct to Messrs: Spencers & Co., every month provided the minimum amount is not less than Rs.25 for each remittance.

3. The accounts from 4th August 1927, (the date on which P.I. Govindarajulu Naidu took charge as Supervisor) are kept clearly. The accounts kept by S. Subba Rao and Steward Doraiswamy when Mr. Raghunatha Rao was Supervisor are not clear. I got the books (Stock Books and Oilman Stores book) from the Hill Station some months ago and asked Subba Rao to go into them and settle the matter but now I see they were returned after three months without any action. This should also be explained by Subba Rao. Ever since Doraiswamy left the Hill Station I have been wanting to settle the accounts which is studiously avoided. Ragunatha Rao, Shamanna and Subba Rao are held responsible for these accounts and they should give proper explanation before the end of the month failing which they will be kept under suspension.

not necessarily correctly - !!

from 4.8.27 !!

No.638/1 statement.

Office of the Superintendent,
Govt. Gardens in Mysore,
Lal-Bagh, Bangalore,
Dated 8th June 192.9?

From

H.C. Havaraya, Esq., L.Ag., F.L.S., F.R.H.S.,
Superintendent, Government Gardens and Hill Stations
in Mysore.

To

Mr.P.M. Govindaraju Naidu,
Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station, Nandi.

On verification with the Oilman Stores account maintained by Messrs. Spencer & Co., I find that the accounts maintained are not at all satisfactory ever since S. Subba Rao handed over charge of the accounts with an opening balance of Rs.159-14-8 to Steward K. Doraswamy.

According to the enclosed statement there is still a balance of Rs.1,882-5-6 due to the firm exclusive of the amount remitted by him up the end of May 1929.

Since he was the Supervisor when Doraswamy was the Steward, he is responsible for the proper maintenance of the accounts from that time. If satisfactory explanation is not given before the close of this week, serious notice will be taken in the matter.

Sd/- H.C. Javaraya,

Superintendent,

Govt. Gardens and Hill Stations.

No.13.

Office of the Superintendent,
Govt. Gardens in Mysore,
Lal-Bagh, Bangalore,
Dated 9th July 1929.

From

H.C. Javaraya, Esq., L.Ag., F.L.S., F.R.H.S.
Superintendent, Government Gardens and Hill Station in Mysore.

To

V.T. Murgasham,
Steward, Nandi Hill Station, Nandi.

Memo.

On going through the Oilman Stores account of the Nandi Hill Station the undersigned observes that Steward Murgas had Rs.32-3-2 on hand after deducting the account rendered by him for Rs.204-7-0. He will therefore explain why he did not pay the amount to the Supervisor and why did he keep the amount with him.

Regarding the account rendered by him for Rs.204-7-0 the Steward will further explain whether he had not reported the Supervisor about this and whether he had not asked him to recoup the sum from the parties or what steps he has taken to recover this amount. If satisfactory explanation is not furnished he will have to pay Rs.35-3-2 Rs.204-7-0 or Rs.239-10-2 immediately failing which very serious notice will be taken.

The stock of oilman Stores on handwith him including the empties and yellow boxes may be returned to Messrs. Spencer at once if they are not required any more and a report submitted to this office.

Sd/- H.C. Javaraya,
Superintendent,
Govt. Gardens and Hill Station.

No.14/9-7-1929.
Copy of the above is forwarded to the Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station, Nandi for information.

Sd/- H.C. Javaraya,
Superintendent.

No.114/13-9-1929. Nandi Hill Station Section,
Lal-Bagh, Bangalore.

Office order.

On going through the Nandi Hill Station accounts relating to the Oilman Stores and General maintenance accounts, it has been found that the sum of Rs.304-4-9 as noted below to be short. He will therefore pay the said amount to this office without any further delay.

Sd/- H.C. Javaraya,
Superintendent,
Govt. Gardens and Hill Stations.

1. Towards the Oilman Stores account being the balance of the Sale Proceeds unremitted by Supervisor.				Rs.	140	15	9
2. Towards the profits realised by the Sale Proceeds of Oilman Stores				"	67	0	0
3. Towards the account rendered by the Steward				"	65	6	0
4. Amount accepted by him already				"	23	5	0
5. Advance amount of Capt.H.C.R.Kent from the office.	2	0	0				
" from Mr.Rachappa towards Sir K.Puttanna Chetty's account	4	0	0		7	10	0
" of Mr.Bhima Rao	0	8	0				
Excess amount collected from Sir B.N. Seal	0	2	0				
Excess amount collected from Miss Donn	1	0	0				
Total				Rs.	304	4	9

Rupees three hundred and four, annas four and pies nine only.

Statement of amount to be paid by Mr.P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu.

S.No.	Items.				Amount.			Remarks
1.	Amount of Sale Proceeds paid by Steward Murgesam to the Supervisor.				124	0	0	
2.	Balance of Sale Proceeds unremitted by the Supervisor				16	15	9	
3.	Half of the profit amount realised				67	0	0	
4.	18-4-28 to gram purchased	15	8	0				The Superintendent has ordered that the
	do Cooly paid on the above	0	12	0	40	6	0	Supervisor has to pay this amount since the latter has not mentioned in the remittance book anything about its adjustment
	do Kerosine Oil purchased two tins	7	10	0				
	14-4-29 to amount paid to Mr.Vatravanathan	10	0	0				
	24-9-28 to Washerman's account	6	8	0				
5.	To amount paid by the Steward to the Supervisor				25	0	0	No data to -- investigage this item except a working slip of the Supervisor produced by the steward wherein this item appears.
6.	24-7-28 To washermans a/c	7	0	0				
	24-8-28 to cart hire for bringing plants from Nandi Station to Motor shed	1	0	0	23	5	0	Accepted by him.
	28-8-28 to Nails purchased	2	8	0				
	25-9-28 to Huricane Lanters (two)	3	8	0				
	1-10-28 to Nails purchased	2	8	0				
	1-10-28 to one tin Kerosine oil	3	13	0				
	14-4-28 to Hurricane lanters	3	0	0				
	Total				Rs. 296	10	9	

His pay for the past five months has not been paid. The amount has been drawn and kept in deposit in office. Rs.275/-.

S.A. Q.H.K.
18.1.30.

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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Signed by Mr C S Narasimha

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Serial No. 3.

No. D/2639 (Cus)

To The Dir- of Horti

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. Conft. 8 dated 27th February 1930 reporting about certain irregularities on the Nandi Hill Station, I am directed to forward herewith, ~~Copy of~~ in original an appeal petition dated 12.3.30 with its enclosures received from Mr- B-M. Ayyaridevaru Nandi Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station in the matter ~~of his suspension~~, and to

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required to be forwarded
with your remarks, clearly drawn on the same sheet as
In this connection, I am
to observe that the Superintendent
was breaking a fundamental
account enclosed herewith for
your information copy of an
unofficial note from the Comptroller
which noted, and to request
you to be so good as to explain
why the regulations framed at
by him were allowed to occur.
The petition & its enclosures may be kindly
returned with your reply
written a fortnight,

I have &c
Chief
6/5/30

The Secretary

Ref. 5/5/30.

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Telegraphic adress
"Horti., Bangalore."

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DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE,
MYSORE STATE.

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Lal-Bagh, Bangalore,
20th June 192/30

FROM

G. H. KRUMBIEGEL, ESQ., F.R.H.S.,
DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE IN MYSORE, LAL-BAGH,
BANGALORE.

GEN. SEC. 10876 DEVEL. DEPT.

To

R. RANGA RAO, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

General Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e .

Subject:- Appeal Petition of Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu,
Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station.
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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. D. 12639/G.G. 56-29-3 dated 13th May 1930, I have the honour to state as follows:--

1. The Petition of Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu, Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station submitted to Government was gone through in detail and it is found that the explanations offered by him on the statements of this office are not borne out by facts.

The Superintendent during his inspections repeatedly asked the Supervisor to settle the account of the Oilmanstores and submit correct information about the case of K. Doraswamy the late Steward of the Hill Station. As Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu did not do so, the accounts were got checked by the staff of the Gardens Department who brought to light certain irregularities.

A Departmental enquiry was then held in detail about the irregularities noticed in the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station, the Supervisor and the Steward being present. The results arrived at regarding the several items stated in the petition have already been explained in the enclosures sent to Government with my confidential letter No. 8 dated 27th February 1930.

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2. The Supervisor in his explanation states that Rs.92-2-0 and Rs.31-14-0 or Rs.124/- were not paid to him by the then Steward -- Murgasam, since these amounts were not attested by the former - the Supervisor Mr. P. M. Govindarajulu Naidu. In the book maintained by the Steward Murgasam for amounts paid to the Supervisor these two amounts are traceable and these entries are made in the middle of the pages. The entries prior to these two amounts in question as well as those subsequently made are attested by the Supervisor. If these two amounts in particular had not been received by Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu nothing prevented him from questioning the Steward as to why these entries were inserted by the latter - Steward Murgasam, at least when the subsequent payments were received by the Supervisor, and attested by him. Besides a rough calculation sheet prepared by the Supervisor for showing the amounts to be realised and payable to Messrs. Spencer & Co., after each payment was made (from the time he took charge to the period of his handing over charge to his successor) shows that these amounts had been received from him and consequent deductions have been made in the amounts payable to the firm. In addition to the oral statement made by the Steward Murgasam to the effect that these amounts had been handed over to the Supervisor this documentary evidence proves beyond doubt that these two amounts viz. 92-2-0 and 31-14-0 had been recovered by the -- Supervisor. Further these two amounts relate to the period of -- September 1928. The Supervisor in his letter No. B. 693 dated 1st July 1929 acknowledges that he totalled the amounts paid by the Steward till September 1928 (which included the two amounts in question) and acknowledged the totals to be correct.

Similarly the sum of Rs.25/- stated to have been paid by Murgasam is included in the Supervisor's calculation sheet.

3. As regards the sum of Rs.23-15-0 the Supervisor states that this amount was paid into the Treasury along with other amounts on July 1929 but in the explanation offered by him in January 1930 the Supervisor admits that this amount is still to be drawn from the Treasury. Such

such contradicting statements prove that his explanations are not acceptable.

In the same manner the explanations offered in respect of the other three items were not acceptedby the Department, since he has failed to prove them with reference to the records maintained both in the Head office as well as in the Hill Station.

4. Regarding the copy of the unofficial note of the Comptroller about the maintenance of the Nandi Hill Station accounts there were certain irregularities committed wantonly by the Supervisor and Steward.

A separate communication will be made regarding the Government Order referred to in para 2 of the said note, since very old records have to be gone through.

And as far as the initial records are concerned it is not -- understood what records are meant. Any suggestions made in this respect during the audit of the accounts which is now being done by an auditor of the Comptroller's Office for the first time will be given effect to.

5. I do not like to comment on the action taken by the Supervisor in sending his petition direct to Government, since Government themselves have forwarded his petition for my remarks. This irregular conduct of his deserves serious notice.

6. The Supervisor's pay for about 6 months was withheld since the dues to Messrs. Spencer & Co., had to be settled immediately while the Supervisor went on corresponding unnecessarily to put off the settlement of the case. The records of the Nandi Hill Station proved also that the amounts payable to the said firm had been -- realised by the Supervisor.

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In conclusion I have to state that the Department in dealing with the Supervisor is as impartial to him as it is to the Steward - and has made no difference between these two people.

The enclosures sent with the letter under reference are herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Director of Horticulture.

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE, BANCH.

No. 170/LAD
on Audit Report

Bangalore, dated 13th August *1930.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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From

S. SHAMANNA, Esq., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

N. Rama Rao Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Development Departments, Bangalore.

GG. 56-29-5

Sir,

In continuation of this office Unofficial reference No.764/LAD dated 15-4-1930, I have the honor to forward herewith the audit report on the accounts of the Nandi Hills Office conducted by the Senior Auditor deputed, for information and orders of Government.

2. As stated in my Unofficial reply the condition of the accounts maintained was not satisfactory and many of the records required were not produced for audit. Some of them were missing vide the cash book maintained in the Lal Bagh Office prior to June 1927 and the receipt book relating to the amounts received subsequent to July 1927 and the rest of them were not maintained at all, Vide Receipt books prior to June 1927 and the accounts pertaining to the purchases made from Messrs. Spencer & Co., since commencement. Some of the accounts books maintained by the Supervisor and produced for audit were those prepared just before the audit was taken up as admitted by Steward Murugesam during audit. Under the above circumstances, audit could exercise very little check over the transactions of the Nandi Hill Office.

In checking the above accounts it was noticed that the total unaccounted for amount that remained with the Nandi Hill subordinates amounted to Rs 1,784-4-3 as noted in Appendix E. Out of this, a sum of Rs 1073-14-7 has already been recovered and orders of Government may be obtained to recover the balance of Rs 710-15-8 from the parties noted ~~in the overleaf~~.

1) Shamanna [illegible] 4) Murugesam [illegible]
2) Subba Rao [illegible] 5) the Government [illegible]
3) Doraswamy [illegible]

No. _____ Bangalore, dated _____ 1930.

From

S. SHANNNA, Esq., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

Sir,

Out of the last four persons who are mainly responsible for the transactions, Dorasawmy left Government service during A-1927 Subba Rao , Nandi Hill Clerk remained in office till about a fortnight after the audit was taken up and never turned up afterwards. Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu and Murugesam still continue in service and recoveries are being effected from their salary towards the amounts payable by them.

The important irregularities that are dealt with in this report are -

(1) Issuing no receipts for the amounts received in the Lalbagh Office as rents paid in advance by the visitors prior to June 1927 and maintaining no remittance Register for remittances made into the treasury prior to that period. (Vide para 7

(2) Preparing the counterfoils of receipts and writing up the Spencer & Co.'s account just to satisfy the purposes of audit, but not treating the same as Government records requiring to be written up as and when the transactions occur. (Vide para 9

(3) Missing of the entire file relating to the purchases made from Messrs. Spencer & Co including the bills preferred by them and the receipts granted by them. (Vide para 12

(4) The unreliability of the entries made in the cash book and the ~~personnel~~ personal ledgers of the Nandi Hill Office and how the latter accounts could not be taken to represent the actual recoveries to be effected from the Visitors. Vide para 9 & 10

(5) Issuing no cash or credit bills for the Øilman Ǿtores sold and maintaining no correct account of their receipts and disposals. (Vide para 13)

(6) Treating the transactions of the Øilman Ǿtores on the basis of a private account and making no attempts to verify the balances due to ~~them~~ Messrs Spencer & Co. Vide para 13) In fact the ~~auditor~~

only earnest attempt made was when the firm after issuing several reminders finally intimated its desire to approach Government for the settlement of its dues viz., Rs 2,336-10-5 at the end of May 1929. (Vide para) &

(7) Giving no effect to the orders contained in Government Order No. 64856 G.m 339-14-61 dated 24 Nov 1915 to the effect that all the purchases made should be arranged to be paid at the treasury and all the amounts received should be remitted thereinto (Vide para 13) &

(8) and lastly the condition of the accounts maintained both in the Lal Bagh Office as well as on the Hill Station and the little or no supervision exercised by the ~~Supervisor~~ Superintendent officers over the cash transactions handled by the Nandi Hill subordinates. (Vide para 13) &

The departmental investigation was based on the assumption that the accounts produced for audit were genuine and did represent the actual transactions as they took place but this was not correct. Hence the conclusions arrived at in this investigation differed from the results obtained during the present audit.

Orders of Government may be obtained to recover the balance of Rs 710-5-8 and remit to the treasury a sum of Rs 283-2-3 being the revenue realisable by Government and pay the balance of Rs 427-3-5 to Messrs. Spencer & Co., ~~which~~ ~~would be the arrears payable to the end of May 1929~~

255-10-0
27-8-3
283-2-3

A note suggesting the improvements to be effected in the existing system of accounts will be sent in due course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Sholapurwala
For Comptroller.
18.4.29

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Part I

AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE NANDI HILL STATION.

Name of AUditor ... Mr. D.N.Krishna Murthy

Commencement of audit ..15-4-1930

Completion of Audit ..16-4-1930

1. Necessity for audit.

During the audit of the accounts of the Lalbagh Office it was casually noticed that a sum of aboutRs.300/- had been brought on the Lalbagh Office Cash Book as deposits received from Nandi H Hill Office. An examination of the concerned records revealed that these amounts represented the salaries withheld from Nandi Hill subordinates on account of shortages noticed in the Oilman Stores. When this fact was brought to the notice of the Comptroller, a detailed audit of the accounts was ordered to be taken up (vide unofficial reply No.764/LAD dated the 15th April 1930 sent up to Government in this connection. Accordingly the audit of these accounts was completed and the report is drawn up in three parts. Part I deals with the accounts maintained in the Lalbagh Office and Part II with those maintained by the Supervisor on account of Government rent and other revenue realisable by Government, and Part III deals with those maintained ~~partly~~ partly by the Supervisor and partly by the steward on account of Oilman Stores purchased from Messrs: Spencer & Co. and sold to the visitors and Government Cooks.

2. Short description of the Nandi Hill Station and The working of its Office

Before dealing with the accounts and the irregularities connected therewith, it was found desirable to give a short description of the Hill Station and the working of its office so that the defects noticed during the audit of these accounts may be better understood.

The Hill Station contains 5 bungalows each of which is divided into neatly furnished rooms. The visitors who go there to enjoy its salubrious climate are accommodated in these rooms on payment of rent fixed by Government either for each room or each bed in a room. Catering (Indian as well as European) is also provided for by cooks employed by Government. The crockery and cutlery required for preparing and serving the meals are purchased out of Government funds but the fees paid by the visitors (Rs.5/- European meal and Re.1-8-0 Indian meal) are treated as the private money of these cooks since the provisions required for preparing the meals are purchased by the latter ~~out~~ of their private funds. The Oilman Stores purchased from Messrs: Spencer & Co. and intended to be sold to the visitors and the Govt. cooks at a reasonable profit are left in the custody of the Steward who is expected to work under the orders of the Supervisor. As the Oilman Stores are sold the stock is replenished by purchasing them out of the sale amount.

The fees are levied according to G.O.No.D. 7916-7/G.G. 71-26-2 dated 16-3-1927 and the amounts recovered are paid to the cooks as per said G.O.

3. Periods selected for audit.

Different periods were selected for auditing the different accounts as enumerated in para 1. The period from June 1927 to June 1930 was fixed, so far the accounts maintained in Lalbagh Office and so far the payments arranged for by the Comptroller's Office were concerned. The clerk who was dealing with these accounts absented himself from office about a fortnight after, the audit was commenced and did not put in his appearance even after registered notices were served on him. As his character was doubted on previous occasions the payments arranged for by the audit office had to be checked till he left office. The period during which Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu and Mugesam held the posts of Supervisor and the Steward respectively was selected for audit since the former protested the correctness of the departmental audit and the responsibilities for the shortages fixed on him. The accounts of the Oilman Stores had to be gone through from the year 1922 to the end of May 1929 since the balances due to the firm

The service of the clerk S. Subba Rao, has since been dispensed with.

firm were running and the balance of Rs.2336-10-5 at the end of May 1929 was accepted by the latter as correct.

4. Check of Cash Balance.

As stated in para 1 supra the cash pertaining to Nandi Hill Office was not kept separate from the General cash balance of the Lalbagh office. After separating these two the cash produced viz. Rs. ~~360-1-0~~ 303-10-0 was checked on 18.7.1929 and this counted agreed with the cash book balance. When this balance was analysed balance ~~was analysed, vide margin,~~ it was found that a sum of Rs.14-5-6 was included in it without being satisfactority accounted for. This amount may be arranged to be remitted into the Treasury immediately. Similarly the cash balance at the end of September 1929 included a sum of Rs.21-2-3½ for which sufficient details were not forthcoming. This amount also was remitted into the Treasury on 24-9-1929. The cash on hand may be counted by the Superintendent once a month and a certificate to that effect recorded in the Cash Book.

As there has been no Accountant for the Nandi Hill Station the cash pertaining t it was being dealt with by th Lal-Bagh Cashier. A small ca box was given in which the ca of Nandi Hill Station is kept Sealed and kept in the cash chest. A separate cash accou of the Nandi Hill Station is maintained and entries are no made in the General Cash Boo It has to be stated that for maintaing these accounts propd ly it is necessary to have a competent Accountant for the Nandi Hill Station Section.

A sum of Rs. 14-15-6 has bee remitted into the Treasury.

PART II.

(Accounts maintained in the Lalbagh Office)

5. Cash Book and the Contingent Register.

(a) The only account books that are maintained in the Lalbag Office are the Cash Book and the Cotingent Register. The amounts received and expended on account of Oilman Stores are not noted in the Cash Book. This important record of initial transactions does not seem to have been checked at any time prior to Septmeber 1928. Even now the cash book is not signed by any responsible officer and the cash balances received from the visitors were kept were not checked and certified to. The entries by the clerk for months together without being remitted into the treasurgy or sent to the Supervisor Nandi Hills for necessary adjustment. Delays extending to one year in sending such remittances and heavy cash balances amounting to about Rs.700/- were noticed during audit. Vide the remittance sent on 16-4-29 and the cash balance on hand on 27-9-1928 and 29-6-1929. The above irregularities enabled the persons concerned to keept out

Instructions are noted. Delays in remittances will be avoided.

of

out of account portions of the cash balance until such time as they were demanded. Vide the amounts recovered from Mr. Raghunatha Rao, Shamanna, and Subba Rao. The form in which the present cash book is maintained is defective and may be replaced by a columner cash book.

(b) In checking the Contingent register similar irregularities such as absence of the signature of the head of the office, entries unattested, nonproduction of contingent vouchers were noticed. But when the payments arranged for by the Audit Office were compared with these brought on the cash book and those accounted for in detail in the contingent register it was seen that the amounts noted in the margin did not find corresponding entries in the departmental accounts. Out of these Rs.87-12-0 and Rs.89-3-0 were recovered from clerk Subba Rao in July 1930 together with Rs.27-8-0 which he had received from Mr.Tidball being rent paid by the latter in advance on 29-11-1929. Necessary enquiries may therefore be instituted to ascertain how the rest of the amounts were accounted for by him.

1929-30	87	12	0	✓ Contingent bills
	89	3	0	✓
1928-29	66	0	0	Bill of Messrs. Shookoor & Sons
1927-28	19 9	15	0	Advertisement
	31	0	0	
	42	0	0	charges
	204	0	0	Clothing
	539	-14	-0	Charges.

6. Amounts sent by the Supervisor forpayment to Messrs. Spencer & Co.

It has already been pointed out that the receipt and disbursements of these amounts were not recorded in the Nandi Hill Cash Book. This omission facilitated clerk Soobanao to keep out of accounts the amounts noted in the margin until the Supervisor produced the receipts in support of these remittances in July 1929. These amounts were subsequently recovered from the former and remitted to Messrs. Spencer & Co.

49	0	0	sent on	10-10-27
50	0	0		27- 1-28
100	0	0		30- 1-29
100	0	0		18- 2-29

After the Departmental audit of the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station a columnar Cash Book was opened. This will be improved on the lines suggested by the Auditor.

Noted.

Arrangements will be made to keep the contingent register properly in future and as regards payments arranged by the Comptroller on contractors' and accepted bills due entries are made in the Contingent Register. As per instructions they will also be brought into the Cash Book to show that the payments arranged by the Audit Office and are brought into accounts.

The services of Clerk S.Subba Rao have since been dispensed with and the receipts from the Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station, in respect of Messrs. Spencer & Co.'s account will, in future, be brought into the Cash Book and payments thereof will also be shown therein.

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69	3	0	) vide para 5 (
27	8	0	)
299	0	0	vide details above (
Rs.5[illegible]-7-0			)

as noted in the margin.

7. Missing of Government Records.

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Miss Robinson Rs.162 and Mrs. Landon Rs.36/- etc.). The amounts actually received and expended on account of establishment salaries, contingencies, advances to peons and contractors and the Oilman Stores are omitted from this book. That the writing of this book was left in arrears and was subsequently written up is proved from the following facts.

1. The dated initials of the Director of Horticulture on 10-5-28 is seen against the Cash Book entries for April 1928.

2. The closing balance of cash at the end of each month is corrected from July 1927 to March 1928 on account of the erroneous entries made in the Cash Book and subsequently noticed.

3. The amounts actually received during February 1928 appear after those for June 12899

4. Against available cash balance of Rs.800-3-6 on 28-4-28 a sum of Rs.850/- is seen in the cash as remitted into the treasury.

5. The earnest money received from Yusuff Khan viz., Rs.50/- on 21-1-27 is deducted from the closing balance for June 1927.

6. The closing balance for June 1828 viz., Rs.451-3-6 is omitted to be carried forward as the opening balance for July 1928; but a sum of Rs.451-3-6 is added to the closing balance for June 1929. The amounts less accounted for in the cash book were,

Re.1/- short payment to establishemt in September 1927.

0-2-0 less taken in the cash book on 26-10-27 vide receipt No.149

0-2-0 vide item No.6 above.

For the above reasons the cash book ~~cannot~~ cannot represent a faithful record of the actual transactions as they occurred on the Hills.

A sum of Rs.1-4-0 less accounted for by the supervisor in his cash book as per details noted above may be arranged

These irregularities were noticed in the departmental audit and the Supervisor was severely warned and instructions were also given to bring all kinds of receipts and disbursements into the cash book.

These amounts were recovered from the salary of the Supervisor Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu.

arranged to be recovered from him. Similarly Rs.50/- deducted from the closing balance for June 1927 may be arranged to be recovered from the parties concerned if the receipt for having refunded the same is not produced by them.

The receipt was duly obtained by the Supervisor, and sent to this office. An entry to this effect has been made in the "To" register and Tappal book.

7. Booking Statements.

There are the statements prepared in the Lalbagh Office to show the names of the visitors who book their accommodation on the Nandi Hills. When these statements were checked with the Cash Book, personal ledgers, and other records, it was seen that full amounts due from the visitors had not been recovered in certain cases and in some other cases no recoveries had been affected. All such irregularities are embodied in Appendix B., and the amount involved viz., Rs. Rs.304-12-0 may either be arranged to be recovered or satisfactory explanation obtained to ~~remove~~ waive the ~~recovery~~ objection.

Visitors sometimes without knowing the nature of accommodation in the Hill Station book certain accommodation as required by them but change later after knowing the exact situation. For example engaging a room in Sankey's Lodge without knowing that individual beds are charged for and then changing to a single bed, etc.,

8. Daily Report of Visitors.

There are the statements sent by the Supervisor to show the names of the visitors that arrived on the hills daily. These statements as explained by the supervisor were sent only during the Hill season i.e. from the 15th March to 15th July. Many of the statements sent even during this hill season were not available for audit. When the available statements were checked with other accounts it was seen that no rent had been recovered from the persons noted in the margin. Early arrangements may be made either to recover the rents due by them or sanction of Government obtained to waive the recovery.

Also the cancellation of accommodation by certain visitors was omitted to be noted in the Booking Statements in a few cases. The objection may kindly be waived.

Messrs: Anantharama Iyengar
Krishnasamy Iyengar
K. Matthan
Rajagopal
Ramaswami Chettiar
P.G. D'Souza
Changai a Chetty
Chick Veera Chetty

The Daily report of the visitors were introduced to get information for further booking in this office. When there are no visitors in the Hill Station no report is sent. The individual cases noted are being verified.

9. Bungalow Registers.

There are the registers maintained on the hills and they are intended to be presented to the visitors so that the latter may note in them the dates on which they

they arrived on the hills, the date on ~~them~~ which they left it and the amounts paid by them etc. The entries in those registers are intended to serve as a counter-check against the entries made by the Supervisor in his own accounts. But this object is frustrated either when the entries in these books are made by the Supervisor himself (vide the bungalow registers for "Browns" and Glentilt" or when these registers are not presented at all, for being written up by the visitors (vide absence of any entries in the Sankey's bungalow register from Setptr. 1928 to Feb.1929 and only two entries in the same book from June 1928 to Septr. 1928). The other irregularities noticed in checking these registers were (1) the rent charged for additional members was not uniform in all cases (Ledger page 791 wherein a rent of one anna has been charged for one member for each day against the usual fee of as.8 per head per day); (2) the rent charged for similar accommodation ~~xxxxx~~ under similar circumstances at times varied (Rent paid by Mrs. Lavender and Mr. Narauanasami for Glentilt No.1. (3) and the period of stay of the visitors in many instances were not noted--vide margin for insances. Unless all such irregularities are set right these registers serve no useful purpose for audit.

It was an omission on the part of the Nandi Hill Supervisor not to have presented in certain cases the books to visitors for making necessary entries.

The other irregularities observed were also brought to light during the departmental audit and they were all set right subsequently.

10. Personal Ledgers of visitors.

The supervisor, when enquired as to how the receipt numbers noted against ledger account could be consecutive, he explained that the ledger accounts were written up not as and when the supplies were made to the visitors, but when the visitors finally left the hills. How it was possible for the Supervisor to remember the Supplies made to each visitor every day especially when the visitor stayed on the hills for one or two months, it was very difficult to understand unless the supervisor had some other records to help him in writing these personal accounts. The latter accounts if any were called for but they

The irregularities noticed in this para were due to the carelessness of the Supervisor, Mr. P.V. Govindarajulu Naidu. Proposals have been submitted to Government to revert him to the Public Works Department in this office No.___Confidl. No,3 dated 10-10-1930.

they were not produced for audit. The incorrectness of these personal accounts is further prowed from the following factors.

(1) a sum of Rs.176-6-0 vide appendix C. received by the supervisor from the Lalbagh Office as advances recovered from the visitors was not deducted from the total amounts due by such visitors. These gentlemen certainly would not have paid these amounts once again. The Supervisor when enquired was unable to furnish ~~adfr opor~~ proper explanation for these ommissions.

(2) In other instances (vide margin).

Date	Name	Advances received	Advance deducted.	Amount ~~deducted~~ in excess.
26-6-28	Mr. Vasudeva Murty	5-0-0	10-0-0	5-0-0
28-6-28	Mr. Krishna Murty	14-0-0	25-0-0	11-0-0
20-4-27	Mr. T.B.Russel	21-1-0	21-7-0	0-6-0
				16-6-0

The amount has been recovered from the salary of Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu.

The supervisor had deducted from the personal accounts amounts in excess of the advances actually recovered from the visitors. These short recoveries amount to Rs.16-6-0 and the sum may be arranged to be recovered from the Supervisor.

(3) Appendix D. shows the amounts actually received by the Supervisor but not traceable in any of the account books maintained by him. When enquired the supervisor stated that these amounts represented the temporary loans issued to the visitors out of Government funds and returned by them and that they were included in the lumpsum remittances made into the treasury, but this latter statement could not be verified from the Nandi Hill accounts. Such amounts aggregate Rs. 436-15-0

The Supervisor had no business to advance government money to visitors as temporary loans.

(4) A sum of Rs.65-7-3, vide para 11, is said to have been refunded to the visitors

by the supervisor. But no vouchers in support of these payments made are forthcoming and also these refunds were not entered in the Nandi Hill cash book. In short the whole accounts did not depict a correct picture of the actual transactions as they took place on the hills (vide also the succeeding para).

The Supervisor has been instructed to obtain vouchers for all payments made by him.

11. Rents recoverable and recovered.

No demand, collection and balance statements were prepared at the end of each month and submitted to the Head Office. The total amounts due, the total recoveries effected and the balance recoverable were worked out during audit. The result of this verification (vide margin) proved that the Supervisor had to account for a sum of Rs.780-1-3 at the end of June '29 excluding the cash balance of Rs.19-15-6. In support of the former the supervisor furnished a statement during departmental audit the details of which worked up to Rs.790-14-9 and again during the present audit he furnished another statement the details of which amounted to Rs.847-0-3 (vide margin.) the details furnished for Rs.159-5-0 shown against office contingencies include certain items amounting to Rs.34-14-0 the recoupment of which the steward Murugesam also claimed as hav-

The total recoverable amounts from June 1927 to June 1929 ...	9235	12	3
Advances adjusted in personal accounts	1938	4	0
Advances refunded ...	66	7	3
Advances recovered by the supervisor	7362	15	6
Total remittances into the treasury ...	8435	11	6
Balance to be accounted for by the supervisor (1-5)	800	0	9

Rents recoverable ...	502	3	3
Advances recoverable from Lalbagh office ...	170	0	0
Advances recoverable from peons and contractors ...	15	8	0
Amounts spent on account of office contingencies	159	5	0

The different statements furnished by the Supervisor at different periods for one and the same amount to be accounted for by him cannot be believed. He could not give satisfactory explanation.

These variations were observed during the departmental audit also and the Supervisor Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu could not give any satisfactory explanations. This and his other explanations offered in respect of the other irregularities noticed during the departmental audit were not accepted since he has failed to prove them with reference to the records maintained both in the Head office as well as in the Hill Station.

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having been spent by him out of funds relating to Oilman Stores. Between these two it is not possible to make out who really paid for these charges. This expenditure has however been recouped and remitted to the supervisor in July and Septmeber 1929. A detailed examination of this expenditure revealed that the number of linen hired and the rent realised did not justify the expenditure said to have been incurred on account of washing charges and included in the above amount (vide margin). But since the departmental officers have passed this expenditure and got the same recouped the audit has not doubted the genuineness of it. As Rs.734-3-0 has already been revocered against Rs.780-1-3 to be accounted for by the Supervisor as stated above the balance of Rs.45-14-3 only may be arranged to be recovered from him if it could not be recovered otherwise. 9f Rs 36/- can from Mrs Lawson and orders to be written off the accounts by the Director of Horticulture is in hand. The sanction of Govt to deduction the balance recoverable from the Supervisor works up to Rs 9-14-3 vide above 9

The sum of Rs. 34-14-0 has been recouped only once from the Treasury.

24- 7-28	7	0	0	Dobi charges.
do.	1	0	0	cart hire
24- 9-28	6	8	0	Dobi charges.
28- 8-28	2	8	0	Wire nails
19- 9-28	3	8	0	Haricane Lanterns.
1-10-28	2	8	0	Wire nails
do.	3	13	0	K. Oil
14- 4-28	3	0	0	Lanterns
4- 5-29	5	1	0	Lamps
	34	14	0	

Month. 1928	No. of times hired	rent realised	washing charges paid.
July	36	1 4 0	7 0 0
August	5	0 7 0	3 4 0
September	7	0 4 0	3 4 0
October	18	1 2 6	3 0 0
November	5	0 5 0	3 0 0
December		2 1 0	4 10 8
January		1 6 6	4 10 8
February		1 14 6	4 10 8

PART III.

12. Oilman Stores Accounts.

At the end of May 1929 a sum of Rs.2336-10-5 was due to Messrs: Spencer & Co. for oilman stores supplied to Nandi Hills (vide firms letter dated 24-8-1930). For the payment of this sum the company issued several reminders and finally stated that if the balance due to them was not immediately settled they would address Government in the matter. The stock on hand was then counted and valued and this worked up to about Rs.260/-

Mrs. Lavender and party were not provided with any extra beds. Mrs. Lavender disputed certain other charges. The whole case was considered in detail and was written off.

thus the shortage in the oilman stores was noticed. The entire correspondence connected with the purchases made from messrs. Spencer & Co. was called and the same was not produced.

The details for this balance as worked out during audit were as follows:

1. Amounts payable to messrs. Spencer & Co. on account of Government articles purchased	454	4	11
2. Shortage s worked out during audit vide appendix ~~XIIIX~~ E to H.	952	9	0 ✓
3. Amounts remitted by supervisor in Oct.'27 and Jan.28 etd. but sent to the firm in July 1929 vide para 6	299	0	0
4. Empties returned in June '29 (827-8-0 plus 70-2-0)	297	10	0
5. Cost of oilman stores counted and valued when the supervisor was released	263	15	10
6. Amounts subsequently remitted.	26	12	0
7. Breakages to be accounted for by the steward Murugesam	29	4	0 ✓
Add cash balance	13	3	9
Total	2336	11	6

The difference is due to rounding off the payments.

The available records and files were furnished.

From the above analysis it is clear that in the oilman stores account there was a shortage to the extent of Rs.981-13-0 including the cost of breakages. Now this shortage was arrived at, what recoveries were effected against these to the end of July 1930 and what amount still remain to be recovered is shown in Appendix 1. Early arrangements may be made to recover the balance of Rs. ~~746-15-0~~ 723-9-5 excluding the cash balance of Rs.13-3-9 ~~for~~ found with the supervisor during the departmental

Full amounts due from Mr. P.I Govindarajulu Naidu and Shamanna and Subba Rao were recovered and the amounts due by other parites viz. K. Dorawamy and Murugesam are being recovered in monthly instalments.

departmental audit. Out of this Rs. ~~305-10-2~~ 293-2-3 may be remitted into the treasury and the balance of Rs. ~~11-4-~~ 427-3-5 ~~0-2~~ paid to Messrs. Spencer & Co. ~~and thus the old accounts with them closed.~~

13. Condition of the accounts maintained.

The accounts maintained for oilman stores purchased ~~and~~ sold were very meagre and did not satisfy the audit conditions. Most of the accounts as already stated were those prepared before the audit was commenced as admitted by the Steward Murugesam. Besides this confession, the similarity of the ink and the freshness of the entries also spoke to this effect. The other irregularities noticed in checking these transactions were:

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1. No cash or credit bills were issued for the articles sold
2. The sale amounts realised were not recorded in the cash book
3. In the same way the amounts paid to Messrs. Spencer & Co. were not shown in the cash book
4. No sotck account of the oilman stores received and sold was maintained
5. The stock on hand was never counted and compared with the book balance and thus certified to
6. No copies of the indents placed with the firm were preserved and compared with the articles actually received.
7. and also no correct account of the amounts payable and paid to Messrs. Spencer & Co. was maintained. In the absence of such an account it was ~~im~~not easier possible for the department to verify whether the balance claimed by them was correct or not.

The irregularities noticed by the Auditor were already ~~noticed~~ observed by the department during the departmental audit and instructions were given to the Supervisor to maintain the Oilman Stores Account properly in future giving him new forms for opening necessary books. The stock on hand was counted and compared with book balances on several occasions Now the suggestions given by the Comptroller's auditor will also be followed and these irregularities will be avoided in future.

In short the entire transactions were treated on the basis of a private account and kept out of Government transactions even though it was ruled by Government in their order No 64856 G.M-339-14-61 dated 24-11-1915 that these should form part of them.

This procedure was being followed for the past 14 years since the inception of the Nandi Hill Station. The procedure suggested by the A Comptroller in respect of Oil Stores transactions will be followed in future.

On account of the above defects no importance could be laid on the correctness of these accounts and consequently they were ignored during audit. The documents on which the audit was based and the shortages worked out were:

1. Few bills of Messrs. Spencer & Co. that were produced by the Lalbagh Office
2. Some more bills of Messrs. Spencer & Co.'s that were secured from Steward Murugesam
3. Statement of account sent by the firm from April 1927 to June 1928 and secured from Steward Murugesam.
4. Statement of accounts copied by Mr.C. Raghumatha Rao from April 1927 to May 1-29 from the ledger accounts of Messrs. Spencer & Co.
5. And certain vouchers produced by Supervisor Mr. Govendarajalu Naidu for amounts paid to ~~his~~ their firm.

From the above it is seen that much of the correspondence and bills relating to the transactions ~~xxi~~ with Messrs. Spencer & Co. were kept in the personal custody of the Nandi Hill subordinates and they were not filed in the office as Government records requiring to be registered in the concerned books.

The subordinates who were concerned were wrong in having kept the government records in their personal custody

14. Profits realised.

No office order fixing the rate of profit to be levied on the oilman stores was available either in Lalbagh office or in Nandi Hill Office. The supervisor explained that a rate of 6 pies to 2 annas was fixed

When the discrepancies were discovered in the accounts they had their portion of vouchers &c with them in order to explain th matters. A typed statement showin the cost price, selling price, o Oilman stores which had been pre pared according to the previous transactions was given. But this was not forth-coming.

fixed in accordance with the practice in vogue and that the profits ~~thus~~ earned were spent in meeting the freight and cooly charges of oilman stores purchased. ~~But~~ This statement was not correct since the contingent register maintained in the Lalbagh office showed that all the freight charges were met out of Government funds. No account for the ~~freights~~ profits realised and spent by the supervisor was maintained and produced for audit. The department has fixed the responsibility so far as the realisation of profits are concerned at the rate of one anna per rupee of oilman stores purchased and this ~~as~~ data was adopted during audit. ~~also~~ The administration reports of previous years ~~xxx~~ show the profits were realised in former years and remitted into the treasury. But why no such remittances were made in the subsequent years as profits realised the supervisor and steward were unable to explain. In accordance with this data the amounts recoverable from persons who held the posts of supervisor and steward during the period of audit are worked out and they are separately noted in Appendix I.

These amounts aggregate Rs 253-10-0 may be recovered and remitted into the treasury early.

a) Cooly and freight char
on articles received from t
Nandi Hill Railway station
top of the hill were met ou
profits realised.

b) This was noticed by the
departmentxx and the respon
~~was~~ for the profits realise
fixed on the officials conc

The amounts required to
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been recovered in certain ca
l in others they are being
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15. Responsinility for the shortages and profits.

The resonsitbility for the shortages and profits is ~~xxxx~~ equally divided between the supervisor and the steward since each of them was handling the stores and receiving the sale amounts in the absence of the other. It was the duty of the supervisor as the highest officer on the spot to check the stores as often as possible and bring the irregularities to light. In the oilman stores account the "checked" has been written by the supervisor here and there but the result of this check was never reported to the superior authorityes. These conditions justify the responsi-

After the departmental
was over the responsibility
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opinion.

responsibility being divided equally between the supe visor and the steward.

Departmental audit: The accounts were checked by the department on the assumption that the accounts produced were correct and did represent the actual transactions as they occurred. Butthis was not the case as proved in the preceding paregraphs and also as admitted by the steward. The results arrived at during depertmental investigation therefore varied from those worked out during the present audit.

Suggestions for improving the system of account

The suggestions for improving the accounts now maintained are embodied in a separate annexure and the same will be sent in due course. ~~to the Director of Horticulture for being followed in future.~~

General

1. The supervising officers may be ordered to exercise better supersivison over the work of the subordinates concerned since the registers maintained in both the offices prove that they are very rately seen and checked by them. Sufficient cash securities may be taken from the persons who will be appointed as supervisors and stewards in future since no cash security had been offered by the present persons.

2. The delay noticed in paying the contractors bills may be avoided. The statement made by the contractor Muniappa in his pitition dated ..... to the effect that the work done by him in Nandi Hills about April 1927 and Sept. 1928 has not yet been paid for be verified with reference to the payments and made the supervisor on account of the coolies supplied this contractor and the result intimated.

3. It is for orders of Government whether the present arrangement of running the Cilman Stores may not be entrusted to private managements.

18/8/1930

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE ACCOUNT BOOKS MAINTAINED IN THE NANDI HILL OFFICE.

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1. Cash Book.
2. Receipt Book.
3. Bill Book.
4. Personal Bogas.
5. Local Purchase Book.
6. Bill Book of Messrs. Spencer & Co.,
7. Stock Book of Oilman Stores.
8. Register showing the accounts payable and paid to Messrs. Spencer & Co.,
9. Remittance Book.
10. Register showing the contingent articles purchased.

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE VISITORS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THE BOOKING STATEMENT BUT FROM whom EITHER NO RECOVERIES HAVE BEEN EFFECTED OR SHORT RECOVERIES HAVE BEEN MADE. or due to cancellation of whose booking were not received

S.No.	Name.	period.	Amount recoverable.	Amount received.	Balance recoverable.	Remarks.
1.	Mr. Kortha	Feb. to end of May '28	159 0 0	96 4 0	63 12 0	Against one room engaged the rate closed is only one bed.
2.	Mrs.P.V. Rudramma	12th April to 30th April '28	57 0 0	- - -	57 0 0	Advance of Rs.10/ paid is credited today on 29-6-'28
3.	Mr. A. E. Gorland	16-4-28 to 30-5-28	82 0 0	- - -	82 0 0	
	Mr. K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar	7-5-28 to 31-5-28	75 0 0	- - -	75 0 0	
5.	Mr. Ram Shaw	24-4-29 to 27-4-29	24 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	
6.	Mr. B. K. Ramswamy	11th to 18th	19 8 0	- - -	19 8 0	
7.	C. N. Naidu	27-4-29 to 30-4-29	6 0 0	- - -	6 0 0	
		Total ..			304 12 0	

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Senior assistant

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ADVANCES RECEIVED BY THE SUPERVISOR MANDI HILL STATION BUT NOT DEDUCTED IN THE RESPECTIVE ACCOUNTS OF THE VISITORS.

S.No.	Date.	Name.		Amount.			Remarks
	11-2-28.	Captain H. C. Ray	..	2	0	0	
	21-3-28.	Mrs. Moore	..	16	0	0	
		Mrs. Reynolds	..	6	0	0	
		J. Ismail	..	10	0	0	
		Mrs. Peorce	..	9	0	0	
		P. A. Burton	..	4	4	0	Against 25-12-0 sent only 21-8-0 is de - ducted.
		C. H. Coleegton	..	23	10	0	Against 36-14-0 sent only 13-4-0 is de - ducted.
		L. R. Berrn	..	30	0	0	
		Chadric	..	5	0	0	
		Cood	..	13	8	0	
		Ram Shaw	..	20	0	0	
		P. C. England	..	5	0	0	
		Chadric	..	10	0	0	
		E. L. Royan	..	2	0	0	
		C. L. Hondivor	..	20	0	0	
		Total	..	176	6	0	

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APPENDIX D.

Enclosure

STATEMENT SHOWING THE AMOUNTS SENT BY THE LAL=BAGH OFFICE BUT NOT ~~PROVE-~~ ~~ABLE~~ IN ANY OF THE BOOKS OF THE SUPERVISOR .

Date.	Name.		Amount.
20-4-'28	Lieutinent Revoon	..	41 14 0
29-2-'28	HO Master Normal School	..	4 0 0
23-6-'28	Professor Seal	..	49 12 0
do	-Do-	..	167 10 0
do	Extra amount sent by Professor Seal		2 0 0
28-6-28	Mrs. Krumbiegal	..	50 0 0
30-11-28	Bheema Rao	..	0 8 0
30-5-'29	Charges incurred during the visit of 2nd premicess	..	45 0 0
13-5-'29	M. Raja Gopal	..	1 0 0
do	Lakshmi Narasimhiah	..	0 8 0
do	viswanatha Sastry	..	15 0 0
do	Raghavachar	..	5 0 0
28-6-'28	R. N. Iyengar	..	54 11 0
	T O T A L	..	436 15 0

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Assistant

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APPENDIX E.

SHORTAGES AND PROFITS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY DORASWAMY.

Balance taken over from Subba Rao	..	159	4	8
Purchases made	..	1028	1	0
		1187	5	8

Deduct:-

1. Credits afforded for remittances and aticles retained	..	713	14	0
2. Articles changable to Government		16	4	0
3. Articles handed over to Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu	..	134	9	3
		864	11	3
Balance to be accounted for by him	..	322	10	5

Amounts on which profits are to be calculated 989/- (1187-198 being the value of articles handed over)

Profits to be accounted for by him at one anna in the Rupee		60	13	0
The Total To Be Accounted for		383	7	5
Add Rs 63-2-0 being the cost of empties returned during this period but not received during Subba Rao's time as per his A.		63	2	0
		446	9	5

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APPENDIX F.

SHORTANGES AND PROFITS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY MR. GOVINDA RAJALU NAIDU. & MURUGESAM.

Balance taken over cash and goods	..	485	6 3
Purchases made	..	3326	7 6
		3811	13 9

Deduct:-

1. Articles changable to Government and credits afforded for payments made	..	3016	13 0
2. Articles handed over		263	15 10
	..	3280	0 11
Shortanges to be accounted for	..	531	0 11

Profits to be accounted on purchases made, less articles retained, articles handed over and articles changable to Government

3812-1476 or Rs. 2336/-

Profits to be recovered at the rate of one anna in a Rupee	..	146	0 0
Total to be recovered	..	674	0 11

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APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE SHORTANGES AND PROFITS FOR WHICH MR. GOVINDARAJALU NAIDU IS RESPONSIBLE DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH HE WAS SOLELY IN CHARGE OF STORES WITH OUT THE STEWARD

Balance of goods received from steward Doraswamy	..	134	9	3
Purchases made	..	459	0	6
	..	593	9	9
Deduct:--				
1. Remittances made 99 0 0				
2. Articles handed over to Muregesam 348 4 6	..	447	4	6
		146	5	3
Deduct cash handed over	..	137	1	9
Shortanges for which he is responsible	..	9	3	6
Amount on which profits are to be calculated at one anna in a Rupee 593-348 or Rs. 245/-				
Profits recoverable	..	15	5	0
T o t a l t o b e r e c o v e r e d	..	24	8	6

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APPENDIX H.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE SHORTAGES TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY SUBBA RAO AND C. RAMUNATHA RAO.

Balance payable to Messrs. Spencer & Co., at the end of Feb. 1927	..	625	2	10
Purchases on 4-3-'27	..	105	14	0
Total	..	731	0	10
Deduct Balance handed over on 25-3-'27 to steward Doraswamy	..	159	4	8
2. Items porting to Government account wrongly included in Oilman Stores account	..	35	6	0
Balance	..	536	6	2
Amount paid to the Firm	..	420	0	0
-do- subsequently paid in July 29	..	26	12	0
Shortages for which the above person are responsible	..	89	10	2
Profits to be amounted for at the rate of anna one per Rupee on purchases made to the extent of Rs. 536/- works upto	..	33	8	0
Total to be recovered ..	..	123	2	2
Deduct Rs. 63-2-0 being [illegible] to Doraswamy as allowing the cost of employees [illegible] above [illegible]		63	2	0
		60	0	2

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APPENDIX I.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE TOTAL RECOVERIES TO BE EFFECTED FROM ALL THE PERSONS CONCURRED UNDER ALL ACCOUNTS, RECOVERIES EFFECTED TO THE END OF JULY 1930 AND THE BALANCE TO BE RECOVERED.

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S.No.	N a m e .	Shortages in oilman stores account.	Profits to be recovered.	amounts to be recovered on other accounts	Total recoveries to be effected.	amounts recovered	Balance to be recovered.	
1.	Shamanna Clerk			15 14 0	15 14 0		15 14 0	
2.	Subba Rao Clerk			503 7 0	503 7 0	503 7 0	- - -	vide para 5 of auditor
3.	Mr. C. Rahunatha Rao & Subba Rao	~~26-8-2~~ ~~89 10 2~~	33 8 0		~~60-0-2~~ ~~123 2 2~~		~~60-0-2~~ ~~123 2 2~~	~~35 5 0 35 12 0 11 0~~
4.	Govindarajalu	9 3 6	15 5 0	1 4 0				Vide Para 8
				~~16 6 0~~				Vide Para 10
				~~40 8 3~~ 9-14-3				Vide Para 11
	Half of Profits and Shortanges in appendix F.							
	Shown in appendix F	265 8 6	73 0 0					
	T o t a l	274 12 0	88 5 0	~~27-8-3~~ ~~84 2 3~~	~~390-9-3~~ ~~427 3 3~~	330 0 0	~~60-9-3~~ ~~97 5 3~~	
5.	Murugesam	265 8 5	73 0 0		338 8 5			
	Breakages	29 4 0			29 4 0	112 5 2	255 7 3	
6.	Doraswamy	~~63-2-0~~ 322 10 5	66 13 0		383 7 5 ~~63-2-0~~	128 2 5	255 5 0 ~~63-2-0~~	319-7-8
		981 13 0	255 10 0	~~546-13-3~~ ~~583 7 3~~	~~1080 14 8~~ 1784-4-3	1073 14 7	~~786 15 8~~ 710-5-8	
				~~553 7 3~~	~~1790 14 5~~	~~1073 14 7~~	~~716 15 8~~	
							~~1420 11 4~~	

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 219/LAD

Bangalore, dated 29th August *1930.*

From

S. SHAMANNA, Esq., B.A.,
Comptroller to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
4 SEP. 1930
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

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To

N. Rama Rao Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Development Departments, Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.170/LAD dated 11-8-30 I have the honour to forward herewith the second and final audit report on the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station for information and orders of Government. This report deals mainly with the suggestions offered for improving the account procedure now followed in respect of Nandi Hill Accounts. Orders of Government may kindly be obtained to introduce the account books and the periodical returns proposed to be introduced in this report so that the Hill accounts may be placed on a satisfactory basis. The other important irregularities noticed during the audit are,

(1) Failing to account for Rs 50/- received by clerk Subba Rao about 6 or 7 years ago, being the security deposits paid by the Hill Gardeners Ramaswamy and Nariga and omitting to register the applications submitted by them in this respect. The petition submitted by gardner Ramaswamy is not forthcoming in the Lal Bagh Office. [Vide Para I (5)

(2) Non-verification of the Oilman Stores and other articles borne on the stock account periodically viz.,

(1) Furniture
(2) Crockery and Cutlery
(3) Garden Tools
(4) Miscellaneous articles

and the adjustment of the differences if any noticed during such verification. [Vide Paras I 1-3]

(3) Shortages noticed in the Crockery and Cutlery and Linen accounts and the inadequate action taken regarding the recovery of

their values.

57 (4) Receiving no monthly or half yearly returns from the Sub Office so as to keep the Head Office informed of the progress of work done by the Nandi Hill Subordinates.

Orders of Government may kindly be obtained on each of the points raised in this as well as in the previous audit report and communicated to this office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Thalappiyal
for Comptroller. 30.8.30

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Second and final audit report on the accounts of the

Nandi Hill Station

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The initial accounts maintained on the Hills by the Supervisor and Steward were checked on the 14th, 15th and 16th of this month mainly with the view of improving the existing account procedure. The irregularities noticed in checking these accounts and the suggestions offerred for improving them are noted in the succeeding paragraphs.

I. Irregularities noticed

1 Account maintained for crockery and cutlery

These articles are not periodically counted and verified with the balances shown in the register maintained therefor. These articles appear to have been counted only once by the Superintendent and that in June 1928. The articles found short during audit are noted in Appendix A. The value of these articles may be ordered to be recovered from the parties responsible for their missing.

When the Superintendent checked the stock, he made certa transfer of articles according t the necessity of each Bungalow. variation in stock is partly due to this.

Noted. These will be verified again and value of the articles found short will be arranged to b recovered.

2 Linen Account

No account of the linen received and disposed off is maintained at present. The account as now kept shows only the balance of linen available in Stock. Appendix B shows the number and value of the missing linen. The cost of these missing linen is included in Appendix I of the first report as recoverable from Steward Murugesam. These articles also required to be verified periodically and compared with the book balances so that the discrepancies if any noticed during such verification may be set right. An account of the linen issued on hire may be opened in Form M.

The cost of the missing linen was recovered from Steward Murugesam.

3 Furniture Account

Noted.

The value of the furniture on hand approximately works up to about Rs 5,000/- to Rs 6,000/- but these articles are not

counted half yearly and compared with the book balances. The number of articles remarked as damaged works up about 50 but why these articles were not arranged to be repaired by the Carpenter employed in Lal Bagh Office is not understood. The carpenter may be ordered to be put on this work immediately and such of the articles repaired may be brought on the stock account.

Such of the articles that require repairs are being repaired from time to time.

4 Dhoby Account -

No register is now maintained to show the number of linen issued for washing and charges paid therefor. Para 11 of the first report shows that the amount spent for washing linen compares very unfavourably with the rent realised and the number of linen issued on hire. It seems very desirable that some sort of account should be maintained in order to control the expenditure incurred in this quarter.

There is a book to keep this account but the register in the prescribed form will be arranged to be maintained.

5 Securities offerred.

No register is maintained at present to show which of the subordinates has furnished security and to what extent. During audit the Hill subordinates Ramaswamy and Nariga complained that for Rs 25/- paid by each of them to clerk Subba Rao, no receipts were granted and also no pass books were arranged to be obtained from the Treasury in token of these amounts having been deposited in the Treasury. On verification it was seen that the above two amounts had not been brought on any of the account books and also the reminders issued by the parties were not registered in the concerned books. Necessary enquiries may therefore be made of Clerk Subba Rao as to how these amounts were dealt with byhim and why they were not remitted into the Treasury. If the explanation rendered by the latter proves unsatisfactory the said amounts may be arranged to be recovered from him.

There seems to be doubt about this. The matter is being investigated.

Fuel

Fuel Account -

When this account was verified it was seen that the Superivisor Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu had not paid to the Forest Department a sum of Rs 8-2-0 being the cost of 26 bundles of fuel sold by him during the years 1928-29 and prior. This amount may be arranged to be recovered from him early if it is not otherwise accounted for by him and remitted to the Forest Department.

Amount recovered from the Supervisor and remitted to the Forest Department.

Oilman Stores Account -

The irregularities noticed in checking these stock accounts are fully dealt with in Part III of the previous report. These stores require to be ~~exact~~ counted and verified with the books balances at least once in a quarter by the Superintendent and monthly by the Supervisor, Nandi Hills. The Supervisor may be ordered to open a ledger account of the amounts payable and paid to Messrs. Spencer & Co., so that the balances due to them may at any time be compared with the balances shown in their bills. The verification of these balances should on no account be left in arrears since absence of such agreements has always resulted in confusion.

Noted.

8 Outdoor and Indoor Games -

No account is maintained at present to show what amounts are to be recovered from the visitors on account of the Games played and library books used by them. The Nandi Hill subordinates may be instructed to open an account for this purpose so that it may prove useful for audit.

Books had been kept for this purpose.and it will be seen that they are again maintained by the Supervisor.

II. Suggestions offerred for Improving the Account procedure

Noted.

(1) All the articles borne onStock account may be arranged to be counted as early as possible and compared with the balances shown in the Registers now maintained. The differences if any noticed during this counting may be arranged to be set right.

(2) These counted balances may be noted in the new Register

suggested to be opened Vide Form A enclosed herein as the opening balances for succeeding years. This register may be made ~~over~~ use of for the following articles

(1) Crockery and Cutlery
(2) Linen
(3) Furniture
(4) Garden Tools
(5) Miscellaneous articles.

Noted.

(3) A cash book as revised in Form B may be opened and all cash transactions without exception may be recorded in it. For all amounts received, regular printed receipts should be issued and for all payments made, properly signed vouchers should be obtained. All these receipts and vouchers should be kept serially arranged and numbered for audit purposes.

After the departmental audit of the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station, a columnar cash book has been opened to suit the transaction of the Hill Station. Printed receipts are issued for all amounts received, properly signed vouchers are obtained for all payments made.

(4) A Contingent Register may be opened at the Nandi Hills Station to note therein all the payments made for contingent articles purchased. Amounts realised on account of Bungalow rents or by the sale of Oilmanstores should on no account be spent in purchasing these articles. As the imprest amount runs short a detailed contingent bill in the prescribed form should be prepared and submitted to the Superintendent for countersignature and the payment being arranged for at the Chickballapur Taluk Treasury in favour of Supervisor Nandi Hill Station. The practice of recouping these charges by the Lal Bagh Office and sending the amount to the Supervisor may be discontinued.

Noted. A reference has been made to the Comptroller regarding this.

(5) All the bills received on account of the Oilman Stores purchased should be sent to Comptroller for preaudit and for the payment being arranged for at the State Huzur Treasury, direct to the firm. The usual certificates viz., that no commission was allowed by the firm and that all the articles were correctly received in store may be recorded on the bills before they are sent up for audit. All the amounts received by sale of Oilman Stores may consequently be remitted and

Noted .

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into the Treasury agreeably to the orders passed by Governmen' Vide G.O. No. 6185-6 / G.M 330-14-61 dated 24-11-1915 The freight and cooly charges required to be paid in this connection ~~with this~~ purchased may be met out of imprest amount. Two registers vide forms C & D are proposed to be opened to keep a stock account of these articles purchased and sold. These registers helps the ~~execution~~ executive officers not only to fix the selling prices of these articles but also enable them to find out the quantity and value of the stock on hand. These registers may be ordered to be opened immediately to avoid further confusion in the Oil-man Stores account.

(6) A Register for the Securities offerred and refunded may be arranged to be opened in Form E so that it may be possible for any inspecting officer to know at once who are all the subordinates that have furnished securities. Suitable cash securities may be demanded from the Superivisor and Steward also as they will always be in possession of Govt. Cash. The securities that may be demanded of these two subordinates may not preferably be less than Rs. 500/- and Rs. 300/- respectively.

(7) An account of the charges incurred for washing linen may be opened in Form F. This register may be consulted every time when the cloths are issued for being washed to see that the charges paid are in accordance with those already paid for, and all the cloths previously issued have been correctly returned. The necessity for opening this account has already been pointed out in Para I(4) supra.

(8) A Contingent Order Book may be ordered to be opened at the Hill Station Office and the supervisor may be instructed to obtain the orders of the Superintendent for all the contingent articles purchased by him for office use.

(9) The Bungalow Registers are required to be written up

on hand -

by the visitors themselves. The practice of allowing the supervisor to write these books should be discontinued since such a procedure vitiates the bona fide of these registers.

(10) The personal ledgers may be ordered to be written up as the claims for recoverable charges arise and the writing of these books should on no account be delayed till the visitors finally leave the Hills, since the latter practice is likely to lead to loss of Government Revenue.

(11) Cash and credit bills should be issued for Oilman Stores sold and all the realisations should be brought on the cash book together with their remittances to Treasury.

(12) At present, no counter-check exists over the number of casual visitors shown in the accounts of the Supervisor. To satisfy this omission it is suggested that both the Indian and European Cooks may be ordered to issue bills to the visitors for the Hotel charges payable by the latter. These books in duplicate copies may be supplied by office as it was the practice in vogue in former years. Why this healthy procedure was discontinued in subsequent years is not understood.

(13) Similarly no check is at present exercised over the number of chairs issued for carrying the visitors up and down the Hills and the amount of 4 annas as recoverable as rent on each chair so issued by the Motor Shed Watchman. To exercise some sort of control over the Government Revenue it is suggested that serially numbered ticket books in duplicate copies may be issued to the Motor Shed Watchmen and they should be instructed to issue the counterfoils of the tickets to the visitors who hire such chairs and he should be held responsible for as many 4 as. as the number of tickets issued will work upto. Similar procedure may be adopted for the Motor Sheds hired.

(14) At present no monthly or half yearly returns are sent by the Hill Station Office to the Lal Bagh Office. It is very

Noted and will be answered.

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essential that such returns should be received by the Head Office in order to keep the latter informed of the progress of work done by the Subordinate Officers. Suitable returns have been prescribed in Forms G to J and they may be altered if necessary to suit the convenience of the Department.

This has already been arranged.

(15) Personal instructions have been issued to the Nandi Hill subordinates for opening as well as maintaining the registers suggested to be opened above. Further instructions needed are embodied in Appendices K enclosed herein.

(16) The rules prescribed for cash and Stores received and expended in Mysore Civil Account Code Volume I and Appendices should be strictly followed.

Noted.

D. N. Krishna Murthy

Senior Auditor.

30/8/30.

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Appendix A

The Following Crockery and Cutlery articles are Short in the Bungalows mentioned below.

		No of Articles Short.
1	Cubbon Bungalow:-	
	(Green Set.)	
	Quarter Plates.	
	(Glass ware)	
	Covered Glass	2
	Jarkards (Big)	2
	Cutlery	
	Dessert Knives	2
	Dessert Spoons	4
	Tea Spoons	7
2.	Cunningham Bungalow	
	Crockery.	
	Vegitable dish	1
	Soup plate	1
	Meat plates.	2
	pudding plates	4
	Tea Cups white	6
	Saucers	2
	Milk jug Big China	1
	Black plated tea pot	1
	Tea pot White	1
	(Green Set)	
	Saucer	1
	(Glass Ware)	
	Tumblers.	
	Sherry Glass	
	lose	

The Following Crockery and Cutlery articles are Short in the Bungalows mentioned Below

	No of articles Short.
Cutlery	
Table Knives	1
Desert	2
Tea Spoons	4
Egg Spoons	2
Wall Lamp	1
Pillows	2
Bucket	1

D. Krishna Murthy
Contractor

Appendix B

The following Shortage of linen is to be recovered from Kulumgoda Mudaliar.

Description of articles	Actual Stock	Shortage	Rate	Value, Total.
Bed Sheets.	32	2	1 12	3 8
pillow Cases	47	2	1	2
Blankets.	8	Nil.		
Table Cloth.	12	Nil		
Towels.	90	7	1 8	10 8
Teapoy Covers.	25	1	1	1
Napkins.	50	7	8	3 8
				20 8

Dr. Kanthan Murugesu.
Auditor.

Annexure K

Instructions issued by the Auditor during his inspection at the Nandi Hill Station Office on 15-8-30.

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1. Until printed receipt books serially machine numbered are obtained the certificate of counting may be got done by the Head Office, preferably by the Superintendent.

2. Bill books must be written with the help of carbon papers, original should be retained in office and duplicate issued to the party. The system of writing with ink two separate copies one for office use and the other to be handed over to the party may be discontinued.

3. The amount received and remitted to Treasry on account of fuel sold must be shown in the Cash Book under the heading "Miscellaneous".

4. The receipts should be signed as "Supervisor in charge" instead of "For Supervisor".

5. A blank contingent register may be obtained from the Head Office and all the payments made should be entered therein.

6. As the Imprest amount runs short a D.C. bill should be prepared and sent to Head Office for counter-signature and for the payment thereon being arranged for in favour of the Supervisor at the Chickballapur Taluk Treasury.

7. The amounts realised by the sale of oilman stores or the rents recovered from the visitors should on no account

account be spent for the purchase of contingent articles

8. The service postage stamps required may be purchased at the Chickballapur Taluk Treasury out of the Imprest amount.

9. The inspecting officers whenever they visit the hills may be requested to count the cash on hand and record a certificate to the effect that the cash was counted on and the same amounted to Rs. .....

10. They may be requested to initial the last receipt that had been issued and the last voucher that had been obtained. Any other books or registers that may be inspected by them ~~also~~ may be initialled.

11. The Bungalow registers should invariably be produced before the visitors and the latter requested to make the required entries therein. The entries in these registers should on no account be made by the Hill subordinates. These registers should also be produced ~~for~~ before the inspecting officers to verify if the entries are being made by the visitors themselves.

12. The amounts collected ~~from~~ by the subordinates may be deposited in the Treasury under Savings Bank Deposit in the name of the person from whom the amounts were so recovered. Regular mortgage bonds in the prescribed form should be obtained from such depositors. The interest accrued on such deposits may be withdrawn half-yearly and disbursed to the depositors making necessary entries in the Cash Book.

13. A register in the form ~~given below~~ as per Appendix L may be opened to show the bills sent either to the Head office or the Treasury for encashment:

Form A

FORM OF REGISTER FOR CROCKERY AND CUTLERY ARTICLES: FURNITURE AND LINNEN.

S.No.	Name of the articles.	balance on hand.	~~Approvable~~ Approximate value.	Purchases during the year		Total.		Items.	Balance.	Balance as accounted.	
				Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		Qnty.	Qnty.	Remarks

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MANDI HILL STATION. FORM B.

CASH BOOK.

Receipts.

Date.	Particulars of receipts	Ledger folio	Bungalow rents	Contin- etc.,	Salary.	Oil gencies	Miscll man St.	aneous.	Total

CASH BOOK.

Expenditure.

Date.	Particulars Expenditure	Vr No.	Salary.	Contin- gencies	Remittances. Bungalow rents	Oil funds.	Miscel man st.	aneous	Total

Form C

NANDI HILL STATION.

STOCK ACCOUNT OF THE OIL MAN STORES RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OFF :--

NAME OF THE ARTICLE:--

Quantity received.				Quantity sold.			Balance on hand.			Remarks.
Date.	Quantity.	Rate.	Cost.	Date.	Quantity	Rate. Cost.	Date.	Quantity.	Rate. Cost.	

Form D

NANDI HILL STATION.

Daily account of the Oil-man Stores received to-gether with their selling prices.

Date.	Name of the article.	Quantity received.	Rate per Unit.	Freight, cooly charges incurred.	Profit.	Selling price.	Remark.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.

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NANDI HILL-STATION. FORM 8.

Register of securities held of the Nandi Hill station.

S. No.	D a t e.	Name of the party.	Amount collected	How deposited	R e m a r k s .
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

NANDI HILL STATION. FORM-~~B~~ 7.

Register of linen issued for washing to Dhobi and payments made thereon.

Date.	Particulars of linen issued for washing.	Number.	Signature of the Dhobi.	R a t e .	Amount paid.	Date of payment.	Acknowledgment of the Dhobi for money received.	R e m a r k
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.

NANDI HILL STATION. Form G.

OIL-MAN STORES.

MONTHLY RETURN FOR THE MONTH OF:--

Value of articles received.	Value of articles sold.	Balance at the end of the month.	Profit earned.	Articles returned to firm.	Condition of the present stock.	Remarks.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

Form H

NANDI HILL STATION.

MONTHLY RETURNS FOR THE MONTH OF:--
PERSONS WHO VISITED THE NANDI HILL STATION;--

To the end of previous month.	During the month.	Total.	Remarks.

NANDI HILL STATION. Form 9

HALF YEARLY RE - TURNS.

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING:--

S.No.	Name of the article.	Balance as per Stock Register.	Balance counted.	Difference.	How accounted for.	Remarks.

NOTE:-- To be sent of respect of :- (1) Crockery & Cutlery,(2) Garden Impliments(3) Miscellaneous stores (4) Furniture (5) oi
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NANDI HILL STATION. Form 9

Statement of outstandings for the month of:--

No.	Party from whom due	Amount recoverable.	recovery during the month.	Balance due	Date from which outstanding.	Remarks.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

NANDI HILL STATION. FORM 12

Register of Bills sent to Head office for countersignature and audit and their disposal.

S.No.	D a t e .	Particulars of the bill.	Amount of the bill	Date on which it was returned countersigned or audited.	Amount of the passed bill.	dated on which it was cashed.	R e m a r k
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.

REGISTER SHOWING THE LINEN ~~HIRIA~~ issued TO VISITORS on Hire from M.

Date.	Name of the party.	Description of the linen.	No. issued on Hire.	Rates.	Date of returning.	Remarks

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Section G.G.

File No. S.B. 29

Serial No. 7

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. D 2976 Encls: Two Reports.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To D.1984 & 1542

The Dist. of Nuwara:

Date of issue 12/9/38

Signed by H. C. S. Wanigatunga

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. Camp 118 20th June 1938 forwarding a report on the part of Mr. Gunasekara Nandis, Supervisor, Nandi's Unit Stn in connection with the alleged irregularities committed by him, I am directed to forward herewith, in original, the Comptroller's audit reports on the accts.

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Office Wandi this 8th and I
request you to be so good as to
obtain and forward (with your own remarks)
explanation of the persons concerned
for the wrong irregularities
referred to herein. I am also
to request to be informed what
your views regarding the same.
Instructions made by the Compt:
for the proper maintenance of accts
for ~~keeping the accounts~~ in future. The favour of a
very early reply is requested. I have &

Yr ob. Servt.

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Telegraphic adress
"Horti., Bangalore."

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE,
MYSORE STATE.

GEN. & REV. SE... 14 OCT 1930
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH.

No. ... No 3

Lal-Bagh, Bangalore,
16th OCTOBER 192/30.

FROM

G. H. KRUMBIEGEL, ESQ., F.R.H.S.,
DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE IN MYSORE, LAL-BAGH,
BANGALORE.

To

G.G. 56-29-8

R. Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
General Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

13/10/30
12/10

Subject :-- Audit Report of the Comptroller on Nandi Hill Station accounts.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. D.2976/G.G.56-29-7 dated 12-9-1930, I have the honour to state that as per Appendix (I) of the Audit Report a sum of Rs. 710-5-8 remained to be recovered from the marginally noted officials. Of this a sum of Rs. 76-7-3, the amounts due from S.Shamanna and Mr. P. Govindarajulu Naidu were recovered. Arrangements are made to recover the amount of Rs. Rs. 60-0-2 due by Mr. C. Raghunatha Rao and S. Subba Rao.

1. Shammanna	...	15-14-0
2. C.Raghunatha Rao & S.Subba Rao		60- 0-2
3. Govindarajulu Na Naidu	...	60- 9-3
4. Murgasam	...	255- 3-3
5. Doraswamy	...	255-5 -0
		63- 2-0
		710- 5-8

The amounts due by Murgasam and Doraswamy are being recovered in instalments of Rs. 15/- and Rs. 10/- respectively as these people have accepted their liabilities.

The other irregularities noticed in the Comptroller's Audit Report will be replied to after verification in due course.

Except Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu, the Supervisor of Hill Station who protests against the recoveries effected from his

salary; all other persons have accepted their charges.

As I have already stated in my previous letter No. 4... dated 10...6/38. the protest put forth by Mr. P. Govindarajulu Naidu in his petition to Government is not ~~liable~~ tenable since he was the officer on the spot and the Steward was working under his orders. That both the Steward and the Supervisor were jointly dealing with the stores and their realisations is proved beyond doubt both during Departmental audit as well as that of Comptroller's audit. In both these audits the responsibility has been fixed in equal shares on Supervisor and Steward. The conduct of the Supervisor requires also to be doubted since he withheld certain information required to elucidate the real facts during Departmental audit and also did not produce all the Government records that were kept under his personal custody. Steward Murgasam has as seen in Comptroller's audit, ~~has~~ admitted that many of the accounts were written up by Mr. Govindarajulu Naidu not as the transactions occured, but sometimes before the audit was arranged, just to satisfy the audit purpose. In these circumstances, I propose that he may be transferre back to his original Department Viz., Public Works Department.

The system of accounts introduced by the Comptroller is workable and the same will be arranged to be introduced provided an accounts clerk on Rs. 50/- is sanctioned for the Nandi Hill Station.

The irregularities noticed in the Nandi Hill Station as well as in other institutions of the Department are to be attributed to the want of a whole time competent official who can periodically go, check and scrutinise details of books &c. maintained at different institutions. The expenditure of the Department at present exceeds more than two lakhs of Rupees per annum and the amounts spent are of varied nature. The creation of a new post for this section of work is as urgent as it is important. I

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I therefore propose that a post of an office Assistant on Rs. 150/- be sanctioned immediately for the Department and a qualified hand who can devote all his time to office system be appointed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Horticulture.

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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Signed by Y. C. E. Numbu

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Section G G.

File No. 5-b-29

Serial No. 9

No. D 4635

To

The Dir. of Horti:

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Confl. 3 9 dtd 10th October 1930 regarding ~~planting~~ the irregularities committed in ~~that the Government Shoon~~ the maintenance of accts of ~~as subordinate to the~~ ~~Comptroller and Auditor Gen~~ ~~port on Nandi this~~ Thakur ~~and recommending that~~ ~~Mr Gyan Narayan Nandi~~ ~~be reverted to the D.P.W.~~ &c, I am directed to request you to be

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So good as to expedite

upon reports on the remaining ~~transfer~~ points referred to in the audit report ~~boards reports etc. etc.~~

~~audit report~~. The Service returns rolls

registers of the General officials

responsible for the irregularities

may also be dealt with upon

reports.

I have &c

Ce 28/10

for Sd - Secy.

28-7-/20.

Telegraphic address
"Horti., Bangalore"
Telephone No. 258.

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE,
MYSORE STATE.

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No. 113.
Encs. 1 with two Reports

Lal-Bagh, Bangalore,
June 28, 1931.

G. 956-29-10

FROM

G. H. KRUMBIEGEL, ESQ., F.R.H.S.,
DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE IN MYSORE, LAL-BAGH,
BANGALORE.

To

R. RANGA RAO, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
General Secretary to the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

GENERAL SECRETARY
29 JUNE 1931
No. 19

Subject.- Audit Reports of the Comptroller on the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. D. 4635/G.G.36-29-7 dated 29-10-30, I have the honour to return herewith the Audit Reports of the Comptroller on the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station with the explanations of the officer in charge.

2. In this connection, I have to state that when Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu was the Supervisor, Nandi Hill Station, his Assistant the Steward K. Doraswami went on leave from 5-8-1927, handing over charge of the Oilman Stores to Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu i.e. stock to the value of Rs.133-3-3 and cash Rs.15-10-0. Since K. Doraswami extended his leave and did not return to duty, taking employment under Messrs: Spencer & Co., Madras, the Superintendent asked the Supervisor repeatedly during his inspections of the Nandi Hill Station to report and settle about the accounts of the period when K. Doraswami was in charge of the Stores. This the Supervisor did not do as required in Article 286 & 287 of P.W. Account Code and liabled himself of the responsibility for all

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the deficiencies found in K. Doraswami's accounts. The Superintendent, therefore, got the accounts checked by one of the staff of the Government Gardens Department and found that K. Doraswami ought to have handed over stock to the value of Rs.378-2-5. A reference was therefore made to the latter through Messrs: Spencer & Co., on the subject. He then went over to Bangalore, verified his books, admitted his liability and paid Rs.108-2-5. The balance, he said, he had paid to one S. Subba Rao, an employee of the Hill Station and agreed to produce the receipt obtained from him therefor within a week. He did not do so. Hence action was taken to recover the balance of the amount from him through the Public Prosecutor and is being recovered in monthly instalments as agreed to by him subsequently.

3. Thereupon the Steward's place was filled up temporarily on 6-4-1928 by one V.T. Murugesam Mudaliar who was working as clerk in the Lalbagh Sale Depot. He was there from 6-4-1928 to 10-7-1929. During this period also Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu did not scrutinize the accounts nor attempted to keep them properly but gave room to the several irregularities which were observed in the Audit Reports under reference and which have been dealt with below seriately.

Item 1. All the amounts have been recovered and remitted to Messrs: Spencer & Co. except a sum of Rs.297-6-3 due from the following persons:-

Doraswami	..	Rs. 250 - 7 - 0
Murugesam	..	46 15 3

These amounts are being recovered by monthly instalments.

Items 2 & 3:- These irregularities could be noticed only by a detailed check of accounts. When the books were inspected by the Superintendent, certain discrepancies were found and since satisfactory explanation was not forthcoming from the Supervisor in spite of reminders, a clerk was told off to check the accounts in

detail when these irregularities were found out. It is necessary to have a permanent audit clerk to be sent to the sub-offices to check the accounts periodically in detail.

Item 4.- This procedure was being followed for the past fourteen years since the incention of the Nandi Hill Station. The procedure suggested by the Comptroller in respect of Oilman Stores transactions will be followed in future.

Item 5: The Supervisor and Steward who are the responsible officials in the Hill Station and created confusion to avoid detection of irregularities committed by them as seen from the audits conducted by the Department and the Comptroller's Office, the condition of accounts could not be perfect. Subba Rao who was responsible for the irregularities committed in the Nandi Hill accounts maintained in the Lalbagh Office has been dispensed from service after recovering the amounts due from him. Since there is no competent Accounts clerk at present for the Nandi Hill Section a hand on Rs.150?/- is proposed in letter No. 3 (confidential) dated 10-10-30. Flag F

Item 6: The new forms proposed by the Comptroller are workable and the system proposed will regularise the Nandi Hill Station accounts. At present there is no clerk attached to the office at the Nandi Hill Station and to introduce the new forms suggested by the Comptroller, the services of a clerk will be necessary.

4. While I think that with more attention to checking of Registers and accounts papers by the Superintendent during his inspection, there is no doubt that the abolition of the post of the Hill Assistant and want of facilities in the Department to conduct a periodical check and examination of the Registers and accounts etc. maintained at different institutions and the want of adequate Ministerial establishment to the Hill

Station

Station and other subordinate offices of the Department contribute partly to the irregularities under reference. It is, therefore essential to have a whole time official who can periodically go round and check in detail Registers, accounts, etc. maintained at the several sub-offices connected with the Department. It is for this reason that the post of an Office Assistant on Rs.150/- has been proposed in the D.O. letter referred to above.

5. In this connection I beg to invite kind attention of Government to my confidential letter No. 3 dated 10th October 1930 wherein I have proposed in para 2 that Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu be reverted to his original place in P.W.D. Orders of Government may kindly be passed for the reversion to his former place.

6. The Service Register and Character roll of this subordinate seem to have not been maintained as can be seen from the copy of letter No. L.Dis.3227-773/30-1 dated 6-5-31 received from the Deputy Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore, on the subject.

7. K. Doraswami was a temporary hand and is not in service now, while the services of S. Subba Rao have been dispensed with as per G.O. No. R. 50|0-11 88.4-30-2 dated 7-11-1930. The* Service Register and Character Roll of Murugesam mudaliar is herewith sent.

+ M.R. received. BR 29.6.31.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Horticulture

* will be sent under separate Cover

Letter No. L.Dis.3227-773/30-1, From The Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Shimoga. To The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir.

With reference to your letter No.Gl.5891-307/30-1 dated 25th March 1931 and subsequent reminder dated 8th April 1931, regarding the service register of Mr. P.M. Govindarajulu Naidu, I have the honor to inform you that no reference is available in this office, for having despatched the service register to the Chief Engineer. Nor is the service register available in the office. The reference available shows that the service registers of only the following men were sentt to the officers noted against them:-

1. Mr.J.A. Ananthaswami:- Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.
2. " Mahomed Ghouse :- do Mysore.
3. " N. Raghavendra Rao:- do Mysore Sub Div.
4. " H. Lakshminarasimhaiya:- Chief Engineer, Mysore.

Sd. G. Sridharamurthy,
Deputy Director, Incharge.

Copy is forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent, Govt., Gardens, Bangalore, with reference to his No. 669 dated 23rd April 31.

SD. G. Sridharamurthy,
Deputy Director, Incharge.

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Director of Horticulture.

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SUBJECT

Immediate

Section G.G

File No. 58-29

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. 871

To The Director of Horticulture

Sir,

With refer to your letter 113 dated the 29th June 1931 forwarding your remarks on the Audit Report on the accounts of the Nandi Hills Station. I am directed to request you to be so good as to forward immediately the service register and the Character roll of Murugesam which have not been received in this office

I have etc

for Secretary

2.7.31.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 3/7/31

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DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE
MYSORE STATE.

No. 136.
Educ. 1/Service Registers

Lal-Bagh, Bangalore,
17-7-1931.

FROM

G. H. KRUMBIEGEL, ESQ., F.R.H.S.,
DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE IN MYSORE, LAL-BAGH,
BANGALORE.

To

G. G. 56-29

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Development Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.E.71/88/56-29. dated 3rd instant, I have the honor to state that as V.T.Murugesham is temporarily appointed on a temporary Establishment, his character roll is not maintained and that his service register is herewith forwarded.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Director of Horticulture.

BKS.

Proceedings of the Govt. of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore.

R e a d :-

Correspondence ending with letter No.113 dated the 29th June 1931 from the Director of Horticulture forwarding his remarks on the audit report of the -- Comptroller on the accounts of the Nandi Hill Station.

Order No. G 1219-2188. 56-29-11

Dated, Bangalore, the 26th Sept 1931.

In his letter dated the 27th February 1930 the Director of Horticulture reported certain irregularities alleged to have been committed by the marginally noted persons in the matter of the accounts of the oilman-stores stocked in the Nandi Hill station by Messrs. Spencer & Co., and also the action taken by him in regard to the recovery of the amount found to be due to Government and the Firm.

(1) Mr. P.M. Govindaraju Naidu Supervisor.
(2) " K. Doraswami, Steward.
(3) " V.T. Murugesham Mudaliar, Steward.

The Comptroller to whom this letter was referred, reported that as the transactions of the Nandi Hill station were being locally audited, he would forward a detailed report in due course. Stated in his

The first report ~~of the Comptroller~~, received in August 1930, ~~showed~~ that the accounts of the Hill Station were left in a chaotic state for years together, that many of the important records were missing and that the auditor had considerable difficulty in

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in arriving at even a fairly accurate estimate of the real position. The main irregularities observed in the report are as follows:-

(1) Issuing no receipts for the amounts received in the Lalbagh Office as rents paid in advance by the visitors prior to June 1927 and maintaining no remittance Register for remittances made into the treasury prior to that period.

(2) Preparing the counterfoils of receipts and writing up ~~the~~ Spencer & Co.'s account just to satisfy the purposes of audit, but not treating the same as Government records requiring to be written up as and when the transactions occur.

(3) Missing of the entire file relating to the purchases made from Messrs.Spencer & Co., including the bills preferred by them and the receipts granted by them.

(4) The unreliability of the entries made in the cash book and the personal ledgers of the Nandi Hill Office and how the -- latter accounts could not be taken to represent the actual recoveries to be effected from the Visitors.

(5) Issuing no cash or credit bills for the oilman stores sold and maintaining no correct account of their receipts and disposals.

(6) Treating the transactions of the oilman-stores on the basis of a private account and making no attempts to verify the balances due to Messrs.Spencer & Co. In fact the only earnest attempt made

made was when the firm after issuing several reminders finally intimated its desire to approach Government for the settlement of its dues viz., Rs.2336-10-5 at the end of May 1929.

(7) Giving no effect to the orders contained in Government order No.64856/G.M. 339-14-61 dated 24th November 1915 to the effect that all the purchases made should be arranged to be paid at the treasury and all the amounts received should be remitted thereinto.

(8) and lastly, the condition of the accounts maintained both in the Lal Bagh Office as well as on the Hill Station and the little or no supervision exercised by the ~~supervision~~ superior officers over the cash transactions handled by the Nandi Hill subordinates.

From the statement of accounts prepared by the auditor from the information available, it was found that a sum of Rs.1784-4-3 remained unaccounted for by the subordinate staff of the Garden Department, of which a sum of Rs.1073-14-7 had already been recovered and the balance of Rs.710-5-8 (Rs.282-2-3 due to Government and Rs.427-3-5 due to Messrs.Spencer & Co.,) had to be recovered from the marginally noted persons.

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2.C.Raghunatha Rao and S. Subba Rao	60-	0-	2
3.Doraswami	318-	7-	0
4.Murugesham	255-	7-	3
5.Govinda-rajalu Naidu.	60-	9-	3
Total Rs.	710-	5-	8

In his second report dated 29th August 1930, the Comptroller pointed out the following

following further irregularities and made certain suggestions for improving the procedure for maintaining the Nandi Hill accounts.

(1) Failing to account for Rs.50/- received by clerk Subba Rao about 6 or 7 years ago, being the security deposits paid by the Hill Gardeners Ramaswamy and Nariga and omitting to register the applications submitted by them in this respect. The petition submitted by gardener Ramaswamy is not forthcoming in the Lal Bagh Office.

(2) Non-verification of the Oilman's Stores and other articles borne on the stock account periodically viz.,

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(3) Shortage noticed in the Crockery and Cutlery and Linen accounts and the -- inadequate action taken regarding the recovery of their values.

(4) Receiving no monthly or half yearly returns from the Sub Office so as to keep the Head Office informed of the progress of work done by the Nandi Hill Subordinates.

Both the above reports were sent to the Director of Horticulture for remarks.. He replied in his letters dated 10th October 1930 and 29th June 1931 that all the above outstandings, except to the marginally -- noted extent, had been recovered and that the balances was also being recovered

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Of the officials directly responsible for the mismanagement of the station, the services of clerk S Subba Rao have already been dispensed with on a -- separate reference received from the Director (Vide Govt.order No.D.5010-11/ G.G.41-30-2 dated 7-11-30). Doraswami is also no longer in service and is said to be employed under Messrs.Spencer & Co., Messrs. Murugesham Mudaliar and Govindarajalu Naidu are at present at the head office of the Director, who recommends that the latter be reverted to his -- permanent post in the P.W.D. Government accept this recommendation.

Regarding the Comptroller's suggestions for the maintenance of proper accounts, the Director states that they can be followed only if an accounts clerk on Rs.50/- is appointed for the Hill Station. He also wants an office assistant on -- Rs.150/- for the efficient -- working of the whole Department.

Government regret to observe that a perusal of the records has confirmed them in the opinion already expressed more than once, that the irregularities which have --

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Govt. are constrained to express their displeasure at the negligence & want of prudence of this officer has displayed in the matter & they trust that no further cause will be given in future.

~~Government therefore regret~~ Key further Comm. that the additional establishment asked for by -- the Director ~~cannot be sanctioned~~ is unnecessary. The Nandi Hill Station staff consists of a

a supervisor on Rs.50 + 10 and a steward on Rs.25-1-30 plus 10. The accounts to be kept are simple in their nature and Government consider that it should be possible for the present staff under -- proper guidance and supervision, to keep correctly all the books and documents required, especially as there is little or no work at the Station for about eight months in the year. Government are also not satisfied as to the necessity for an Officer Assistant.

It is reported that many of the irregularities pointed out by the auditor have been set right. The remaining ones should also be dealt with immediately and all the suggestions of the Comptroller in regard to the books to be maintained and the periodicals to be submitted should be strictly followed in future. All the materials in stock should be verified twice a year and prompt action should be taken to make good the deficiencies discovered in stock taking. If any part of the claim of Messrs. Spencer and Co., still remains undischarged, it should be paid up immediately and held as an advance to be recouped from recoveries which are being made from Doraswamy and Murugesham.

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Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

To

The Director of Horticulture in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government through th
Financial Department
Mr. Cliffe Esqr. V.D. Mysore
Copy to C.B.

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O r d e r NO. C 1219-21 *** 88 56-29-21

Dated, Bangalore, the 24th September 1931.
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1) In his letter dated the 27th February 1930, the Director of Ho ticulture reported certain irregularities alleged to have been committ

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e Director of Horticulture in Mysore.

The Comptroller to Government
Thro' Financial Secretariat.

The Chief ~~Electrical~~ Engineer of Mysore.

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Section G.G

File No. 56-29

Serial No. 12

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. G 1567 Encl 1 Perm. Rep

To The Director of Horticulture

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13.10.31.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 22/10/31

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B.T.Kesaviengar,Esq., B.A.,

The Director of Horticulture in Mysore,

Bangalore.

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For Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

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